



## Species Fact Sheet



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### Cotton-Top Tamarin

*Saguinus oedipus*



**Peoria Zoo Exhibit** **Historic Entry Building**

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**Habitat:** Found in tropical forest edges and secondary forests where it is arboreal (lives in trees.)

**Range:** Live only in Colombia

**Activity Cycle:** Most active between sunrise and sunset

**Size:** Up to 12 inches long with a tail that can reach 17 inches in length. Tamarins weigh up to 2 pounds.

**Social Structure:** Groups of cotton-top tamarins can include 3-9 individuals. In the group, only one pair is reproductively active and the rest help take care of the young.

**Distinguishing Features:** Cotton top tamarins are recognized by the white fur that is found on their head.

**Diet:** Insects, ripe fruit, seeds, nectar, tender vegetation, spiders, small vertebrates, bird's eggs, mice frogs, lizards, and gum from trees that has oozed out

**Life Span:** Up to 15 years

### ***Did you know?***

***When alarmed or excited, Cotton-top tamarins raise the hair on the crown of their head and stand up tall to make themselves look bigger.***