

## Species Fact Sheet



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### Mandrill

*Mandrillus Sphinx*



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**Habitat:** Tropical Forest

**Range:** Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and Southwest Congo

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal

**Size:** Height can be 28-30 inches, while weight can be up to 60 lbs. for males and 30 lbs for females with a tail length of 2-3 inches.

**Social Structure:** Usually live in groups of 15 to 200 members. Groups consist of at least one male to five females. Males are the protector of the group

**Distinguishing Features:** Males have bright red and blue cheeks with a blue bottom while females and juveniles are slightly less colorful. The bright colored bottom may serve as a signal to keep the group together when traveling.

**Diet:** Fruits, nuts, melons, seeds, fungi, roots, insects, snails, worms, frogs, and lizards. They find most food on the forest floor.

**Life Span:**  
40-46 years in captivity

### **Did you know?**

***Mandrills have a pouch on the inside of their cheeks used to store food so they can eat it later.***