



## MAMMALS

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### Mongoose Lemur

*Eulemur mongoz*



Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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**Habitat:** Tropical dry forest-deciduous and secondary forests

**Range:** Madagascar and Comoros Island, found between Madagascar and Africa

**Activity Cycle:** Cathemeral— active both day and night depending on the season

**Size:** Up to 14 inches long, with a tail up to 19 inches long  
Weight up to 4 lbs

**Social Structure:** Live in small groups consisting of an adult pair and up to 3 immature young.

**Distinguishing Features:** Soft grey-brown fur with a pale grey muzzle and black nose. Males have pale faces with reddish brown cheeks and may have a bald patch on top of head. Females have dark faces and whitish cheeks and beards.

**Diet:** Fruits and flowers, especially of the Kapok Tree

**Life Span:** 18-20 years in the wild and up to 26 years in captivity

## Did you know?

**Mongoose lemurs use scent markings to signal to other neighboring groups. Males use scent glands on their head, sometimes causing them to go bald.**