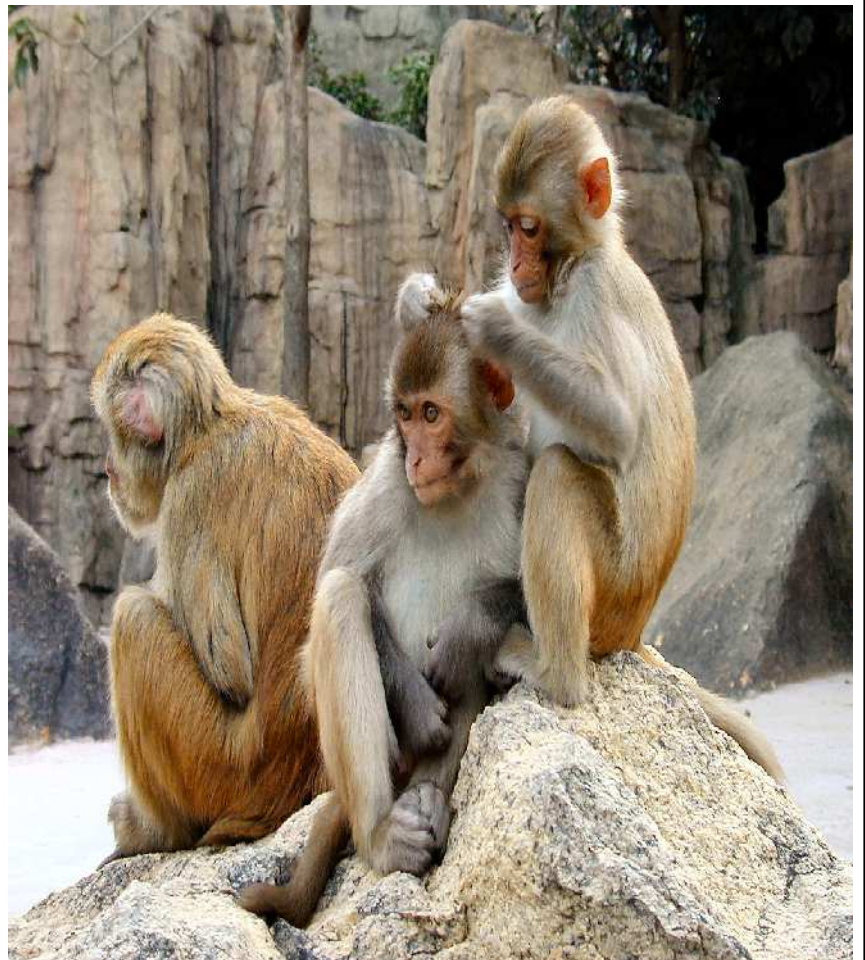


# Animal Facts:

# Monkeys

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Monkeys belong to a group of animals called primates, along with apes, humans, lemurs and lorises.



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Monkeys live mostly in trees, their hands have fingers and their feet have toes for gripping branches. Most monkeys also have tails.



There are about 150 species of monkey, they live in tropical forests in Asia, Africa and the Americas.





New World monkeys (from the Americas) live in trees and often have muscular tails that can grip like a hand. These tails are described as prehensile.



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New World monkeys include howler, spider, woolly and capuchin monkeys, as well as marmosets, and tamarins such as the golden lion tamarin, one of the world's most colourful mammals.



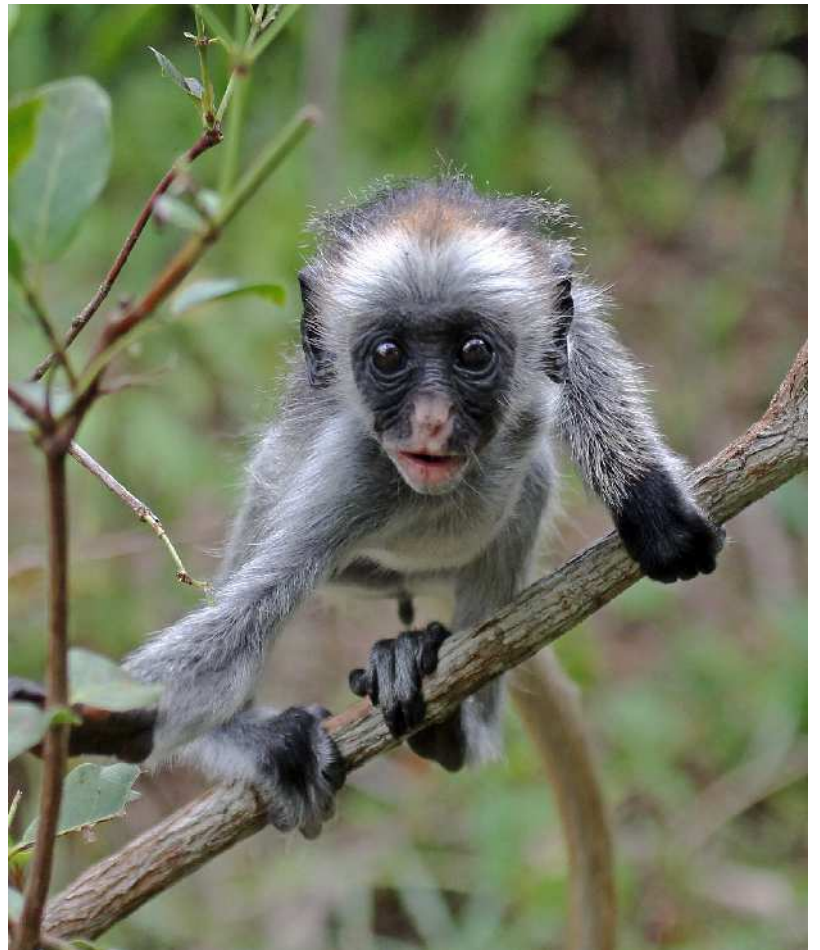
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Old World monkeys (from Africa and Asia) live on the grasslands as well as in forests. They include baboons, colobus monkeys, langurs and macaques.



Old World monkeys do not have a prehensile tail, but their thumbs and fingers can point together, like ours can, so they can grasp things well.



The proboscis monkey gets its name from its huge nose (proboscis is another word for nose).



Most monkeys eat anything from fruit to bird's eggs, but baboons may also catch and eat baby antelopes.





Howler  
monkeys can  
howl so loud  
that a pair of  
them can be  
heard over 3  
km away.

