

# Goeldi's Monkey (Callimico)

*Callimico goeldii*



**Class:** *Mammalia*

**Order:** *Primates*

**Family:** *Callitrichidae*

**Characteristics:** Goeldi's monkeys are very small primates. They are approximately the size of a squirrel. These monkeys are very dark in color, ranging in shades of black and brown. They have a mane-like appearance with longer fur near the head and neck. The Goeldi's monkeys have claws on all of their digits except the second. These small primates weigh only 22oz on average. They have a body length that is in the range of 8-12 inches. The non-prehensile tail is usually longer than the body. ([Primate Info Net](#))

**Behavior:** The Goeldi's monkey lives in small family groups usually consisting of a breeding pair and other family members. These groups will grow up to 10 individuals in size. They are very social animals and will spend a great deal of time grooming and communicating with [vocalizations](#), scent, facial, and body language. ([Animal Diversity](#)) This monkey forages in the understory of the forest and rarely goes up into the canopy. They are very agile and can [leap](#) up to [13 feet](#) between branches! ([Arkive](#))

**Reproduction:** In the wild, mating occurs during the wet season of September through November. Females have a gestation of 145-152 days. The female will give birth to a single young twice a year. The mother will care for the newborn for 10-20 days, then the rest of the family group will assist the mother. The young Goeldi's monkey can forage and move by itself around seven weeks of age. Both males and females reach sexual maturity between 18 and 24 months old. ([Encyclopedia of Life](#))

## **Diet:**

Wild: Fruit, insects, and small vertebrates ([Lincoln Park Zoo](#))

Zoo: Marmoset diet, fruits, vegetables, and greens

**Conservation:** Goeldi's monkey is currently listed as vulnerable by [IUCN Redlist](#). There are no major threats immediately, but the area is in danger of becoming threatened due to development projects and logging in the rainforest. These marmosets are a yellow level SSP animal.

**FYI:** Predators of the Goeldi's monkey are bush dogs, coatis, tayra, puma, snakes, and birds of prey.

Goeldi's monkey is named after Emil August Goeldi, a Swiss zoologist and professor who lived and worked in South America.



## **Range & Habitat:**

Upper Amazonian rainforests of southern Colombia, eastern Ecuador and Peru, western Brazil, and northern Bolivia.



**Lifespan:** up to 22 years in captivity, unknown in the wild.

**Special Adaptations:** Callimicos will live in groups with other species including tamarins, pygmy marmosets, capuchins, and other small to medium sized monkeys. This enables them to travel further and find more food.

## **IUCN Conservation Status:**

Vulnerable

