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Bengal Slow Loris

Nycticebus bengalensis

The slow loris is the only venomous primate in the world, and the mechanism is peculiar enough that it took a long time to be believed. It has a gland on the inside of the upper arm that secretes an …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Lorisidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1-2 kg
Scientific name: Nycticebus bengalensis

Did you know?

- The Bengal Slow Loris produces a toxin from glands in its elbows, which it spreads onto its teeth to deliver a venomous bite.
- It is the only venomous primate — it licks a gland on its arm and mixes the toxin with saliva to make its bite venomous. A mother grooms that toxin i…

What I learned

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