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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cacomistle

Bassariscus sumichrasti

The cacomistle is a medium-sized, nocturnal mammal native to Central America and southern Mexico. It has a slender body, elongated face, and a distinctive bushy tail with black and white rings. Adapt…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Procyonidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, cloud forests, and mountainous woodlands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-12 years
Weight: 1-1.5 kg
Scientific name: Bassariscus sumichrasti

Did you know?

- Despite their secretive habits, cacomistles play an important role in seed dispersal within their forest habitats.
- Cacomistles can rotate their hind feet 180 degrees to descend trees headfirst. They communicate with a variety of vocalizations and scent markings. T…

What I learned

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