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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Marmoset

Callithrix jacchus

Callithrix jacchus is a squirrel-sized monkey of Brazil's Atlantic forest and dry caatinga that has abandoned nails for claws. Every digit except the big toe ends in a sharp, keeled claw, which lets …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Callitrichidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-12 years in the wild
Weight: 250-350 grams
Scientific name: Callithrix jacchus

Did you know?

- Unlike many primates, common marmosets rely heavily on tree sap and gum, which they extract by gnawing holes in bark with specialized lower incisors.
- Marmosets take turns when they vocalise, waiting for the other animal to finish before replying — a conversational rule once thought to be unique to …

What I learned

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