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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden Lion Tamarin

Leontopithecus rosalia

The golden lion tamarin is one of conservation's genuine success stories, and it very nearly was not one. By the early 1970s the species was down to a few hundred animals in the fragments of Brazil's…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Callitrichidae
Habitat: Lowland tropical rainforest
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10-15 years in the wild
Weight: 500-700 grams
Scientific name: Leontopithecus rosalia

Did you know?

- All Golden Lion Tamarins living in the wild today descend from just a few dozen individuals, making genetic diversity a major conservation concern.
- Down to a few hundred animals in the 1970s, it was saved by zoo breeding, reintroduction, and the planting of forest corridors to reconnect isolated …

What I learned

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