

WOOLLY MONKEY

RANGE:

Rainforest areas of South America in and around Columbia.

HABITAT:

Canopy areas of the tropical forests.

SIZE:

Weight: Up to 15 lbs.

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

Have lived 20+ years in captivity. Shorter in the wild.

REPRODUCTION:

- Gestation period: 7 ½ months
- Usually bear a single youngster.

DIET:

Wild: Fruits and leaves

Zoo: Fruits, vegetables, cereal, yogurt, monkey chow.

BEHAVIOR:

- Arboreal by nature, spending most all their time in the canopy layer.
- Use long prehensile tails to move from one tree to another. The tail is used just like a fifth hand and is always the last of the body to let go when the monkey moves.
- Strict, social group called troop. There is a dominant male. The rest of the troop make up the social order.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Scared of deep water and will not cross any water unless they can wade or climb across it.

STATUS:

Vulnerable. Their main threats are deforestation, poaching and the pet trade.

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LOUISVILLE



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Order:	Primate
Family:	Cebidae
Genus:	Lagothrix
Species:	lagotricha