

Gelada

Latin: *Theropithecus gelada*

... *the grazing primate*

Living high in the plateaus of Ethiopia, geladas spend their days grazing on grass.



Photo: schizoform

Where in the world?



Geladas live at high altitudes on Ethiopian mountains on grassy plateaus.

Habitat and diet

Gelada live on open grasslands where they spend their days shuffling along on their bottoms plucking up blades of grass.

They may also consume insects or tubers.



Did You Know?

Males are significantly bigger than females and have glorious manes of hair!

Family matters

A family unit is comprised of a group of females and their young led by a single male, who can be challenged by an outside male. Females can decide to support or reject this new male!



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Did You Know?

Geladas are sometimes referred to as 'bleeding heart' monkeys due to their red chests!

At night, geladas sleep on steep, rocky cliff faces to keep safe from predators.



Threats

Habitat loss, grazing competition, and climate change.

