

# Patas Monkey

Latin: *Erythrocebus patas*



... the fastest primate



Photo: Nik Borrow

With a distinctive look and a need for speed, patas monkeys are a seriously cool primate.

## Where in the world?

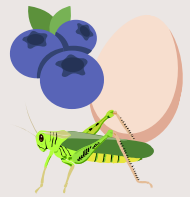


Patas monkeys are found across Sub-saharan Africa, from the west across to the east.

## Habitat and diet

Patas monkeys live a terrestrial lifestyle in open savanna and scrubland, avoiding heavily wooded areas.

They have a varied diet of insects, gum, seeds, berries, leaves, flowers, eggs, and lizards!



## Did You Know?

Patas monkeys are sometimes called "military monkey" due to their appearance.

## Family life

Live in groups of a single-male and several females. Males leave the group they're born into when they reach maturity.

Females give birth to a single infant roughly each year who they raise themselves.

## Threats

Habitat loss, grazing competition, hunting for meat, and human-wildlife conflict.



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## Did You Know?

Patas monkeys can reach speeds of up to 34mph!

That is some serious speed.

