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What is a Primate?



Great Apes

Old World Monkeys

Lesser Great Ape

Prosimian

New World Monkeys

Primates are found in all shapes, sizes, colors, habitats and ranges. Approximately 240 species represent this group of mammals. The most primitive, the tree shrew, hardly resembles its more advanced relatives, the gorilla and chimpanzee. This tree represents the great diversity in the primate family.

All primates share common characteristics and are classified according to numerous anatomical and physiological structures. Some characteristics primates share are large brains, grasping hands with opposable thumbs, binocular and color vision and parental care of young.



Ring-Tailed Lemur