ALL ABOUT APES

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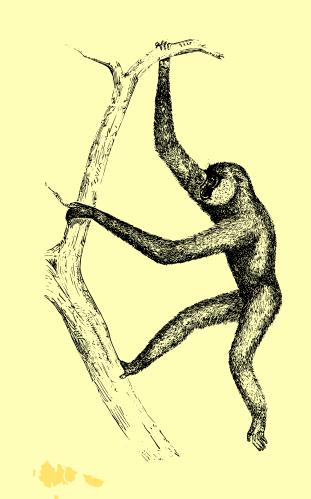


GIBBON (Lesser Ape)

- Live throughout Southeast Asia
- Males and females have similar body size
- Mainly live in the tree tops and brachiate from branch to branch



- Smallest ape
- Small family groups consisting of male, female, & their offspring
- ~11 species
- Conservation status: Endangered and Critically endangered
- Reproduce every 2 -3 years



ORANGUTAN

- Live in Southeast Asia
- Males are much larger than females
- Solitary except for mothers and their young or during mating season
- Mainly live in the trees, rarely coming to the ground
- Diet ______ fruit & insects



- Have long arms for swinging in the treetops
- 2 species: Bornean & Sumatran
- Conservation status:
 Critically endangered
- Reproduce every 7-9 years

GORILLA

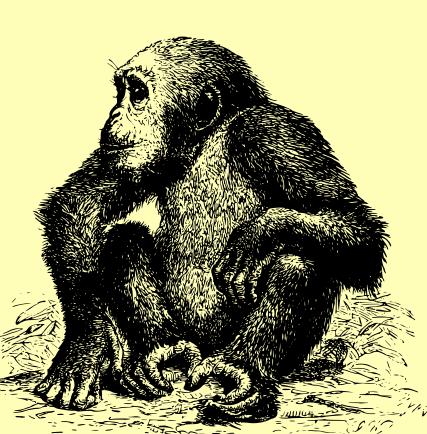
- Lives in the forest of Western and Central Africa
- Males are larger than females
 - Mature males develop silver hair on their back
- Knuckle walk on the forest floor, but are able to climb trees
- Live in social groups with a dominant male
- Diet shoots and bark



- Largest ape
- 2 species: Eastern & Western gorillas
 - 4 subspecies
- Conservation status: Critically endangered
- Reproduce every 4-6 years

CHIMPANZEE

- Live in forests of tropical areas in Western & Central Africa
- Males and females are generally same size
 - Females can be identified during estrus by swollen reproductive organs
- Live in social groups with an alpha male
- Walk quadrupedally on the forest floor and swing among tree branches



- Diet fruit, various plants, & some meat
- Often use tools to find food
- Look very similar to bonobos
- Conservation status: Endangered
- Reproduce every 5 years

BONOBO

- Live in forests of tropical areas in Western & Central Africa
- Males and females generally the same size
 - Females can be identified during estrus by swollen reproductive organs
- Live in social groups with an alpha female



- Closest living relative to humans
- Look very similar to chimpanzees
- Conservation status: Endangered
- Reproduce ever 4-6 years



HUMAN

- Live almost everywhere on Earth
- Most advanced great ape species

