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A monkey is a [**primate**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primate)**,** either an [Old World monkey](http://monkey) or a [New World monkey](http://monkey). There are about 260 known living [**species**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Species) of monkey. Many are arboreal, although there are species that live primarily on the ground, such as [baboons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baboon). Monkeys are generally considered to be intelligent. Unlike apes, monkeys usually have tails. Tailless monkeys may be called "apes", incorrectly according to modern usage; thus the tailless [Barbary macaque](http://macaque) is called the *"Barbary ape".*



Characteristics

Monkeys range in size from the [*Pygmy Marmoset*](http://marmoset)*,* at 140 to 160 millimeters (5–6 in) long (plus tail) and 120 to 140 grams (4–5 oz) in weight, to the male [Mandrill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandrill), almost 1 meter (3.3 ft) long and weighing 35 kilograms (77 lb). Some are [**arboreal**](http://locomotion) (living in trees) while others live on the [savanna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savanna); diets differ among the various species but may contain any of the following: fruit, leaves, seeds, nuts, flowers, eggs and small animals.