

Emperor Tamarin

Saguinus imperator



Range: Brazil and Peru
HBL: ♂ 23-26cm (9-10 in)
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Tail: 42 cm (16.3 in)
Weight: ♂ 450g (15.9 oz)
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Sexual Maturity: ♀: 16-20 Months
♂: 16-2 Months

Estrus: n/a
Estrus cycle: 15 days
Litter: 2
Gestation: 140-145 days
Weaning: 8-12 weeks
Habitat: Gallery rainforest
Food: Fruits insects
Activity: Diurnal
Lifestyle: Arboreal
Social: multi male single breeding female
Breeding Polyandrous
IUCN: Least Concern
Subspecies: 2
Longevity: wild: 17 years

Order: Primates Family: Callitrichidae

There are two subspecies of Emperor Tamarin. The Bearded Emperor Tamarin *S. i. subgriseus*, has a white beard while the Black-chinned Emperor Tamarin *S. i. imperator*, does not.

Like other members of the callitrichid family the emperor has a very strong social group. The species live in a social group of up to eight individuals. The troop usually consist of one or two adult males an adult females and offspring of various ages. All members of the troop help in raising the young. The adult males are the main caretakers of the newborns which are usually twins.

The emperor tamarin is named for the last emperor of Germany Wilhelm II who was famous for his mustache. Both the male and female of both subspecies possess the characteristic white mustache.