

Pygmy Marmoset

Callithrix pygmaea



Range: Brazil, Ecuador and Peru

HLB: ♂ 12-15cm (4.6-6 in)

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Tail: 20 cm (8 in)

Weight: ♂ 99-160g (3.5-5.6 oz)

♀: 112-140 g (4-4.9 oz)

Sexual Maturity:♀:24 Months

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Estrus: n/a

Estrus cycle: 15 days

Litter: 2

Gestation:119-142 days

Weaning: 12 weeks

Habitat:floodplain rainforest

Food: Gum Fruits insects

Activity: Diurnal

Lifestyle: Arboreal

Social: 1 male 1 female family group

Breeding Monogamous

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies: 2

Longevity: wild: 17 years

Order: Primates Family: Callitrichidae

The Pygmy Marmoset is not only the smallest member of the family Callitrichidae but also the smallest true monkey. The adult weigh only about 3.5 oz and a head and body length of 5 inches. Despite this small size the Pygmy marmoset can leap over five meters. The sexes are similar with the females only slightly heavier.

The exact taxonomy of the species is still disputed. Some taxonomists place this species in its own genus *Cebuella*. The dental structure is the Same as the other members of the genus.

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.