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# Black Spider Monkey

(*Ateles paniscus*)



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**Status:** Vulnerable

**Threats:** Hunting by humans and loss of trees

**What country does it live in?** Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname

**Where does it live?** Uncut, deep, high forest



**How long do they live?** 33 years

**What do they eat?** Fruits, leaves, flowers, bark, caterpillars and termites

**How big are they?** As big as a Basset hound, females are larger

**How do they talk?** Loud calls 'ook-barking' to scare ground predators. Whinnies in greeting

**Who do they live with?** Shifting groups. Males in charge

**How do they walk?** On four legs, dangling, climbing, leaping, walking on two legs on branches

**What does it do?** Noisy travellers, try to scare predators on the ground by shaking branches and making a lot of noise.

**Where would you find it?** In the day in the trees

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