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# Rainforest Acrobat

By Guy Belleranti



**H**igh in the trees of Central and South America's rainforests lives an animal acrobat. When it hangs from its tail, it looks like a big spider. It's called the spider monkey!

Spider monkeys have long arms and hooklike hands. They use them to swing

Female spider monkeys usually give birth to a single baby. For the first ten weeks, the mother carries the baby on her stomach. At around four months, the child begins to explore and play with other babies. It also begins riding on its mom's



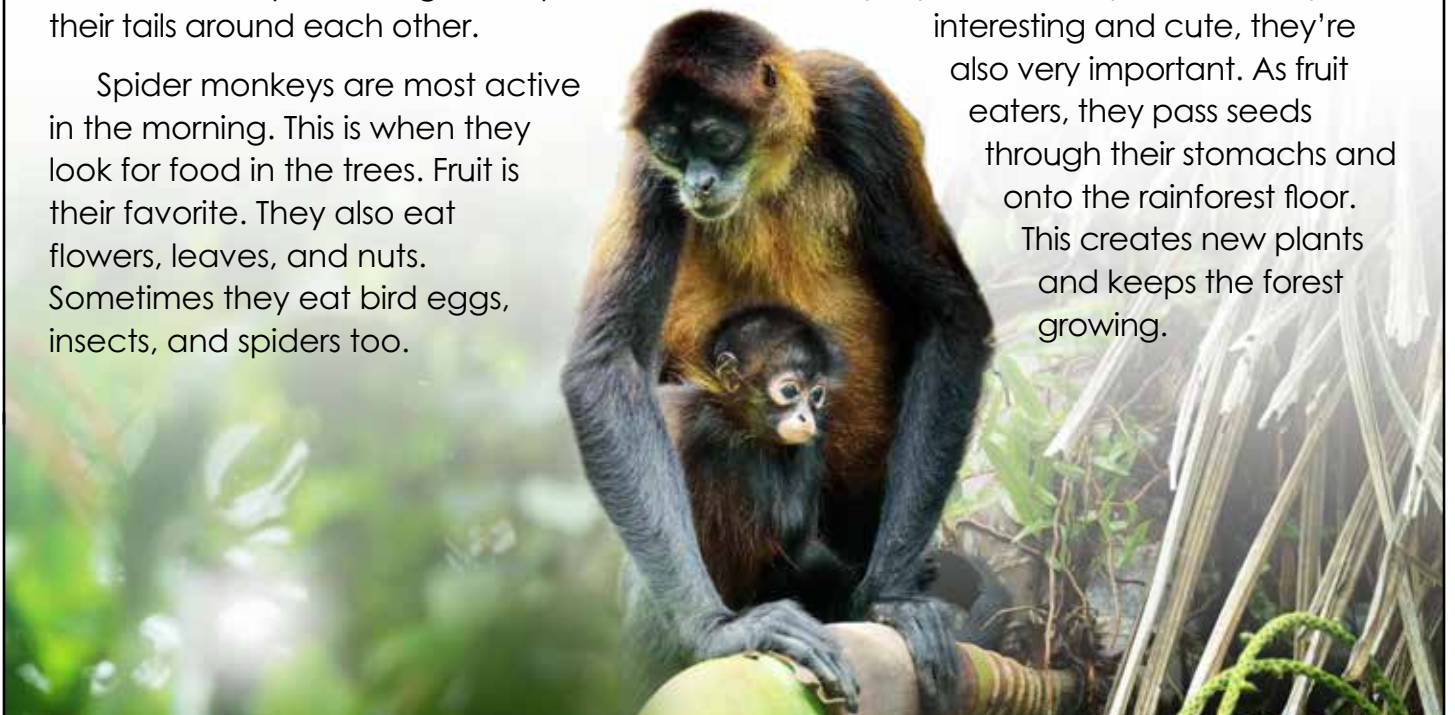
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Sometimes they even hug or wrap their tails around each other.

Spider monkeys are most active in the morning. This is when they look for food in the trees. Fruit is their favorite. They also eat flowers, leaves, and nuts. Sometimes they eat bird eggs, insects, and spiders too.

help. Spider monkeys are not only interesting and cute, they're also very important. As fruit eaters, they pass seeds through their stomachs and onto the rainforest floor. This creates new plants and keeps the forest growing.



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d. quick and dangerous

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4. Which of the following is not listed in the article as a food spider monkeys eat?

a. flowers                      b. eggs                      c. fish                      d. spiders

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Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. a \_ r o \_ \_ \_ t

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**clue:** someone who does stunts such as swinging, balancing, and tumbling



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5. \_ n \_ q u e

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** unlike anything else

6. s \_ c i \_ l

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** spending time in groups or communities

7. i n d \_ p e \_ d \_ n \_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** able to live without relying on others

8. h a \_ i t \_ t

8. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** the place where a plant or animal lives

9. c o \_ m u n \_ c \_ \_ e

9. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** to share information or ideas



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In the article "Rainforest Acrobat," you learned that spider monkeys are facing danger from hunting, being sold as pets, and habitat loss.

On the lines below, write about two ways you think humans could help protect spider monkeys from these dangers. Explain how these actions would help the animals.



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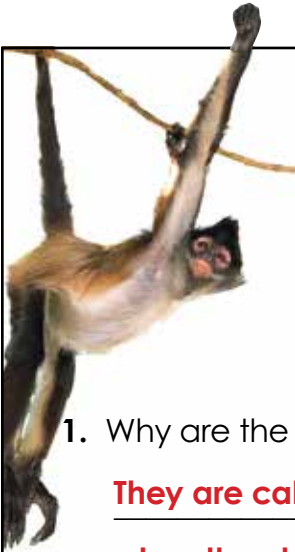
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2. p r e h e n s i l e

2. prehensile



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6. s o c i a l

6. social

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7. i n d e p e n d e n t

7. independent

**clue:** able to live without relying on others

8. h a b i t a t

8. habitat

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9. c o m m u n i c a t e

9. communicate

**clue:** to share information or ideas