

Golden Lion Tamarin

The golden lion tamarin is a small monkey, 15 to 20cm in length and 700 to 900g in weight. Its tail can be 30 to 40cm long so it is longer than its body. They live in the Amazon rainforest in South America.

The golden lion tamarin has orange fur. It is called lion tamarin because it has a mane like a lion but it is not a lion.

They eat fruit, flowers, nectar, eggs, insects, amphibians, reptiles and birds. They use their long fingers and sharp claws to find insects in holes in trees.

They live in groups. They groom each other and share food. The older monkeys will give their food to the younger monkeys.

They sleep in the holes in trees at night.

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