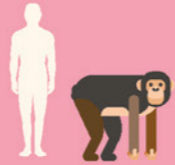


# CHIMPANZEE

IT CAN MAKE TOOLS TO HUNT WITH



There are 2 species—the common chimpanzee and the pygmy chimpanzee—and up to 4 subspecies have been identified.

They are the closest-living genetic relative to humans, with whom they share more than

**95 %**  
of their DNA.

It is believed that humans and chimpanzees share a common ancestor that lived between

**7 and 13**  
million years ago.

Their body is covered in thick fur, except for the face, fingers, palms of the hands, and soles of the feet.

They walk on all fours, with their fingers flexed, supporting their weight on their knuckles.

They make a wide variety of facial expressions.



Their cries and gestures allow them to communicate easily with each other.

THEY ARE SKILLED CLIMBERS.



**Taxonomy**  
Phylum: **chordata**  
Class: **mammalia**  
Order: **primates**

Their fur is dark brown or black in color.



They only walk upright for short distances.



**REPRODUCTION**  
They live in communities that can have between **15 AND 100 MEMBERS.**

They are socially organized, with a dominant male and several females, along with their offspring.

Their gestation lasts **8 MONTHS.** Chimpanzees can weigh more than 4 pounds (1.8 kilograms) at birth.



The infant clings to its mother's fur. Weaning occurs between the ages of 4 and 5 years old.

ALMOST **6** FEET

They can reach a height of 6 feet (1.8 meters) when standing upright.

UP TO **155** POUNDS

Males can weigh between 77 and 155 pounds (35 and 70 kilograms).

UP TO **110** POUNDS

Females can weigh between 55 and 110 pounds (25 and 50 kilograms).

UP TO **40** YEARS

**LIFE EXPECTANCY**  
They can live for up to 40 years.



They are able to hunt in organized groups, chasing their prey, catching and then dismembering it.



They poke leaves into termite mounds to fish them out, and use sticks to force insects out of their hiding places.



They build their nests in the treetops, where they rest in the middle of the day or sleep at night.

They usually hunt birds, small antelopes, monkeys, and even turtles, which they hit against trees to break their shells.



SOME CHIMPANZEES HUNT USING SHARPENED STICKS.

They sharpen them with their teeth and use them to kill small mammals that hide inside tree trunks.



They use stones to crack open nuts and use leaves as sponges to collect water.

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CHIMPANZEES ARE ONE OF THE FEW ANIMAL SPECIES THAT USE TOOLS TO HUNT FOR FOOD.

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



## HABITAT

Tropical areas of rainforests, forests along rivers or on floodplains, and wooded savannas.



They can be found in the western and central regions of Africa.



They feed on fruit, plants, leaves, seeds, flowers, bark, resin, and roots. They also eat smaller amounts of insects, eggs, and small vertebrates.

Scientific Name <b>Pan troglodytes</b>	Diet <b>Omnivorous</b>	Living Environment <b>Land</b>	Conservation Status <b>Endangered</b>
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