

Chimpanzees



Chimpanzees belong to the ape's family. They have strong bodies, with strong bones and powerful muscles. Like other apes, they do not have a tail. An adult male stand about 100 centimeters (40 inches) tall and weighs 35–65 kilograms (80–145 pounds). Females are smaller, standing around 91 centimeters (36 inches) tall and weighing 32–50 kilograms (70–110 pounds). Despite their smaller stature, a full-grown chimpanzee is six times stronger than a human!

At home in the rainforest

Chimpanzees live in the rainforest. The rainforest has all that they need; shrubs, ferns, grasses and trees provide tasty fruits, nuts, seeds and flowers. Chimpanzees also eat insects, small animals and even other chimpanzees.

Chimpanzees climb the understory by day in search of fruit and at night to sleep. They find the majority of their food in the canopy. At night, trees are like “bedrooms” providing a secure place to sleep that is well out of a predator's reach.

Difference between Monkeys and Chimpanzees

Apes are different from monkeys in several ways. Monkeys have tails. Apes do not have tails. Monkeys are usually smaller than apes, walk on all fours with palms down and have relatively smaller brains. Due to their different skeletal structure, apes have a more upright posture. Since their arms are longer than their legs, apes walk on the knuckles of their hands. Apes also have larger and more developed brains than monkeys. Chimpanzees are classified as great apes in the same family with gorillas, bonobos and orangutans.

