

## Loris

Children are natural scientists! They are curious and love to explore and investigate. Finding out about the loris prepares children for becoming future problem solvers.

### Questions

- What is a loris?
- How big is a loris?
- Is there more than one kind of loris?
- Where do loris live?
- What do loris eat?
- Is a loris poisonous?

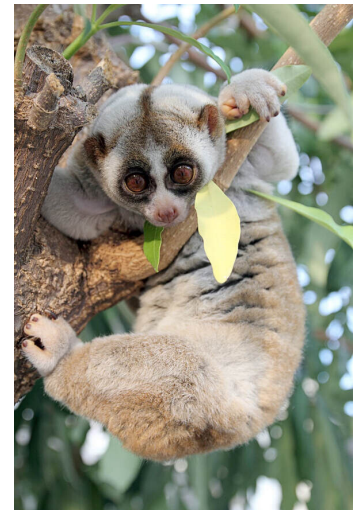


A loris is a soft, furry primate. Monkeys and humans are also primates. Loris are about 8-15 inches long. The red and gray **slender loris** have long, slender arms and legs.

The **slow loris** is bigger and moves more slowly than the slender loris. Both kinds of loris live near Southeast Asia. Slender loris eat mostly insects. Slow loris eat insects, small animals, plants, and fruit.

### Fun Facts

- Loris are nocturnal. Awake at night, they curl up to sleep during the day.
- Loris like to hang by their feet! Loris have strong fingers and toes.
- If loris feel threatened, they give off a strong smell to scare the attacking animal. If that doesn't work, the loris produces a poison in their mouth and bite to kill.
- Almost all loris are endangered animals.



Don't forget to ask open-ended questions to help your child think. Using open-ended questions is a wonderful way to stretch children's curiosity, reasoning ability, creativity and independence. There is no right or wrong answer to open-ended questions so your child can be successful in answering them.

- What do you notice about the loris?
- What do you like best about the loris?