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# MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

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# SCHEMA NOTES

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**MOUNTAIN GORILLAS**   
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1. Mountain Gorillas are: HERBIVORES    CARNIVORES    OMNIVORES
2. Due to unfortunate human activity, such as poaching and habitat destruction, the mountain gorilla has become the most \_\_\_\_\_ type of gorilla.
3. Today, the mountain gorilla's \_\_\_\_\_ is limited to protected national parks in two regions of Africa.
4. Gorillas display many human-like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, such as laughter and sadness. They even make their own \_\_\_\_\_ to help them survive in the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Gorillas are known for being very \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
6. In the wild they \_\_\_\_\_ through vocalizations, body language, facial expressions and gestures.
7. A group of gorillas is called a "\_\_\_\_\_."
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ gorilla is the mature, experienced \_\_\_\_\_ leader of a group of mountain gorillas in the wild.
9. Females usually give birth to only \_\_\_\_\_ baby every four to six years, and only \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ over her entire lifetime.
10. Fewer than \_\_\_\_\_ mountain gorillas remain on earth.
11. The largest scientific study of the great apes revealed they had 102 different \_\_\_\_\_ - more than any other \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Gorillas eat up to \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of food per day.

**COMMON NAME:** Mountain Gorilla

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Gorilla beringei beringei*

**TYPE:** Mammals

**DIET:** Omnivores

**GROUP NAME:** Troop, band

**AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD:** 35 years

**SIZE:** Standing height, 4 to 6 ft

**WEIGHT:** 300 to 485 lbs

**SIZE RELATIVE TO A 6-FT MAN:**





The mountain gorilla, a large, strong ape inhabiting Africa's volcanic slopes, has few natural predators. Yet due to unfortunate human activity, such as poaching and habitat destruction, the mountain gorilla has become the most endangered type of gorilla.



 MOUNTAIN GORILLA HABITAT

Today, the mountain gorilla's habitat is limited to protected national parks in two regions of Africa.



**STATUS**

Critically Endangered



**POPULATION**

> 800

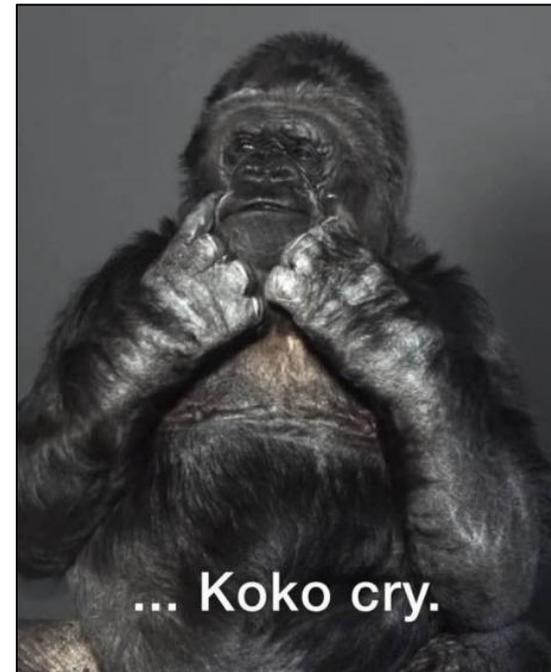
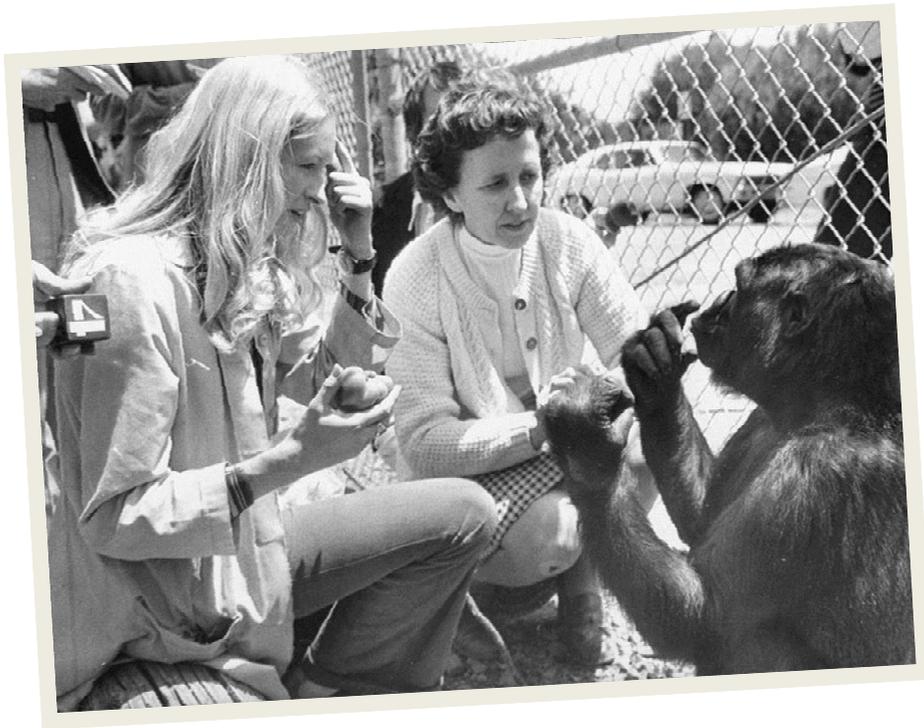
Gorillas display many human-like behaviors and emotions, such as laughter and sadness. They even make their own tools to help them survive in the forest.



Gorillas are known for being very intelligent animals. In the wild they communicate through vocalizations, body language, facial expressions and gestures.



In captivity gorillas, like Koko, have even learned to communicate using American Sign Language.



A group of gorillas is called a “troop.”

A troop can contain anywhere from 5 to 50 gorillas.





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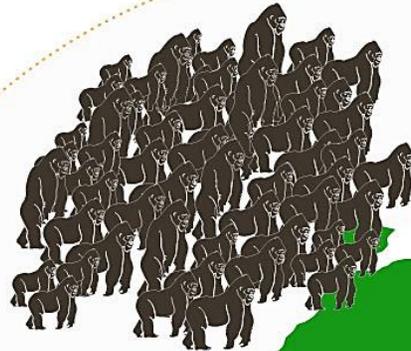
Named for the silver saddles across his back, the silverback is responsible for the safety of his troop.



The mighty silverback holds his important leadership position for many years.

Females usually give birth to only one baby every four to six years, and only three or four over her entire lifetime.





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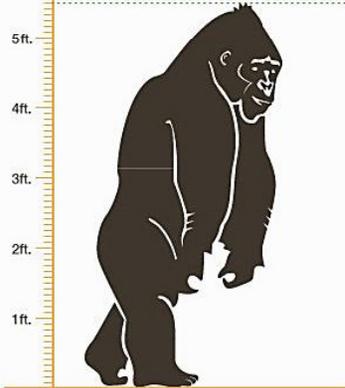


Fewer than **800** mountain gorillas remain.

The only type of gorilla known to be increasing in number is the mountain gorilla.

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**Standing,** a gorilla can reach 5'6" tall.



Between **1989 and 2003** the mountain gorilla **population increased by 17%**. **By 2010** it had increased again by **26.3%**.



An **adult gorilla** can eat up to **60 lbs.** of vegetation **per day**.

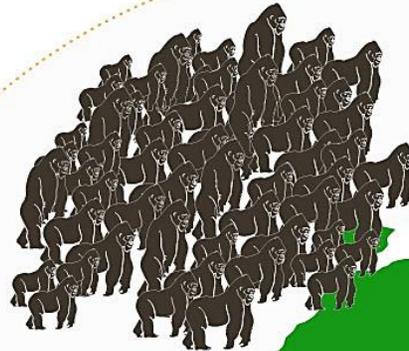
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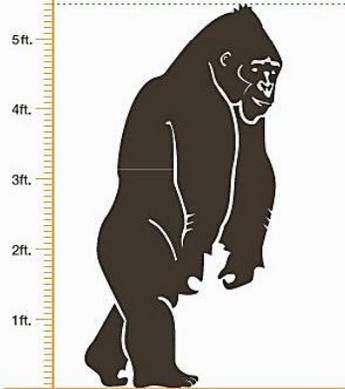
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## A few more facts...

- ♥ Gorillas can contract human diseases like pneumonia.
- ♥ Adult male gorillas are approximately six times as strong as a man.
- ♥ The largest scientific study of the great apes revealed they had 102 different signals - more than any other mammal.
- ♥ Gorillas eat up to 66 pounds of food per day.
- ♥ Standing at up to 6 feet tall with arms that extend up to 8 feet wide, Gorillas are the largest living primates.