



FUN FACTS about

TARSIERS

1. TARSIERS EYES ARE TWICE AS BIG AS THEIR BRAIN

They have the largest eyes of any mammal relative to their body size. No wonder you can get lost staring into their wide galaxy-like eyes!



2. TARSIERS EAT MEAT

They are the only exclusively carnivorous primate. They chow down on insects, lizards, rodents and even small birds.



3. TARSIERS ARE AMONG THE OLDEST PRIMATES

Tarsiers have been on the planet for 55 million years. That's much longer than us humans have been around! They once lived all over the world, in Africa, Europe and North America.

4. TARSIERS ARE NOT MONKEYS

Tarsiers and monkeys are both primates, but saying they're the same is like comparing apples and oranges because both are fruit.



5. TARSIERS ARE ITTY-BITTY.

They are the second-smallest primate on earth. Fully-grown adults range in size from 9 to 16 cm (3.5 to 6 in) and are about the size of a person's fist. While, babies are about the size of a person's thumb.

6. TARSIERS CAN SING

Male and female tarsiers even sing duets! Some tarsiers can sing impressive runs, like human opera singers. There's still much to be learned about their melodies since tarsiers can vocalize in pure ultrasound, frequencies too high to be heard by humans.



7. TARSIERS ARE NOCTURNAL

Tarsiers are nocturnal (active at night) and crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk). So they sleep in our daytime!

8. TARSIERS HOLD A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR FARTHEST HEAD ROTATION BY A MAMMAL

Tarsiers have an incredible ability to turn their heads in a half circle to the left or right, almost a full 360-degree rotation. This remarkable skill is possible thanks to their unique spines. The only animal that can rotate their head further is the owl.



9. TARSIERS ARE SHY

Tarsiers are sensitive to light, noise and human contact. They bang their heads against tree trunks when they're stressed. So if you see one, it's important to stay quiet, don't touch them, and avoid using flash photography.



10. TARSIERS LIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Today, tarsiers are found on only a handful of lush islands in Southeast Asia, like Tippi's home island of Bohol in the Philippines.

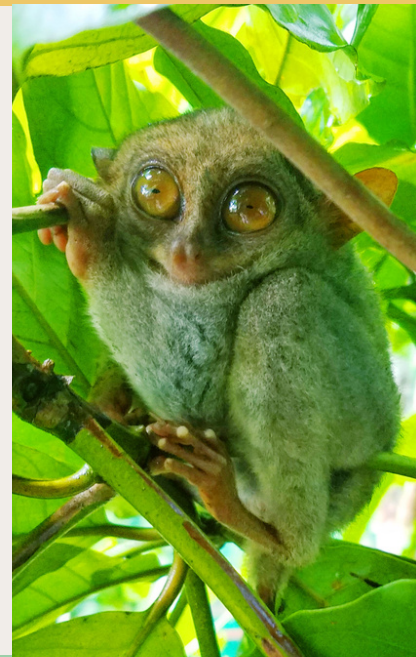
11. TARSIERS ARE MOSTLY MONOGAMOUS

They often form an exclusive partnership with one mate and have a single baby per year. Babies are born with a full coat of fur, open eyes, and can climb at just one day old.



12. TARSIERS CAN JUMP 30XS THEIR BODY LENGTH

Tarsiers can leap up to 5 meters (16.4 feet) thanks to their long ankle bones and powerful hind legs. That means these tiny creatures can jump over 30 times their body length in a single leap! This comes in handy when darting from tree to tree to hunt.



13. TARSIERS RARELY SURVIVE IN CAPTIVITY

That's why protecting the tarsiers' natural habitat and stopping the illegal pet-trade of tarsiers is crucial to prevent them from going extinct.