There are several species of tamarins:

- Bare-faced tamarin
- Black and red tamarin
- Black-mantle tamarin
- Cotton-top tamarin
- Emperor tamarin
- Golden lion tamarin
- Midas tamarin
- Mottle-faced tamarin
- Moustached tamarin
- Negro tamarin
- Pied tamarin
- Red-capped tamarin
- Red-chested tamarin
- Red-handed tamarin
- Rio Napo tamarin
- Rufous-naped tamarin
- Saddle-back tamarin
- White-footed tamarin
- White-lipped tamarin
Different tamarin species look different. From nearly all black through mixtures of black, brown and white.

Mustache-like facial hairs are typical for many species. The tamarins are squirrel-sized New World monkeys. They are closely related to the lion tamarins. Tamarins range from southern Central America through central South America, where they are found in the Amazon basin and north Bolivia but not in regions with mountains.

Tamarins differ from marmosets in that they have primarily lower canine teeth that are clearly longer than the incisors. This is one reason they don’t make good pets. In captivity, tamarins can live for up to 18 years.
Tamarins inhabit tropical rainforests and open forest areas. They are diurnal (means they are active during the day) and arboreal (which means they live in the trees), and run and jump quickly through the trees. Tamarins live together in groups of up to 40 members made up of one or more families. Most of the time though, groups are composed of just three to nine members.

Tamarins are omnivores (like human primates), eating fruits and other plant parts as well as spiders, insects, small vertebrates and bird eggs. They usually give birth to twins. The father does most of the caring for the young, bringing them to their mother to nurse. After about one month the young begin to eat solid food, although they aren't fully weaned for another two to three months. They reach full maturity in their second year. Tamarins are also known to be monogamous meaning they stay together as a couple for their whole life.
Golden Headed lion tamarin

Golden Handed tamarin

Baby Emperor tamarin
Lion tamarin baby

Orphaned Emperor tamarin babies
See how small the babies are!!!