



PYGMY TARSIER

TARSIERS

The Tarsier is probably the smallest primate in the world. They are not monkeys but they are primates like you. Their name in Latin is 'Tarsius Syrichta'. They eat mainly insects and the bugs do have to be live for them to eat them. They are between 3.5 to 6.25 inches tall. They weigh between 2.4 and 5.8 ounces. They have large eyes which gives them really great night vision. This night vision makes them good hunters during the dark. Their big ears can move in the direction of any noise and their heads can swivel through half way around their bodies.

They are still found in parts of the Philippines, Indonesia and Borneo. It has been estimated that there are only between 5,000 and 10,000 Philippine Tarsiers left in the whole world and that number is currently believed to be falling. They are very loveable animals but do not live long in captivity. If they are not happy it has been reported that they commit suicide by banging their heads on something hard like cage bars.

The destruction of the Rain Forest's has been one of the factors why they are becoming extinct. Another factor is the hunting of Tarsiers for pets. The Japanese and Mexicans buy them for as little as \$2.00. Proclamation 1030 (in the Philippines) has made the Philippine Tarsier a protected animal. Sorry to say there is no such protection in other countries for the other types of Tarsiers.

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