

WEEK 1 - Thursday and Friday.

Use this information to write a report about the Golden Lion Tamarin.



The Amazon Rainforest

Common Name	Golden Lion Tamarin (endangered species)
Scientific Name	Leontopithecus rosalia
Habitat	Swampy rainforests on the Atlantic coast of Brazil, in South America.
Average Life Span	15 years
Size	26cm
Weight	540g
Diet	They are omnivores and will eat insects, fruit, small lizards, and birds. Tamarins use their claws to dig for insects in the bark of trees.
Physical Characteristics	As its name would suggest, this lion tamarin is a reddish orange to golden brown in colour. Its hair is longer and darker around the face, forming a mane on top of the head and on the cheeks and throat. Its limbs are slender yet capable with sharp claw-like nails (called tegulae).
Behaviour	The golden lion tamarin forms social family groups. Males help to raise their offspring, and often carry their young on their backs in between feedings. Tamarin young are usually twins. Golden lions are diurnal and live primarily in the trees. They sleep in hollows at night and forage by day while traveling from branch to branch.
Threats to Survival	90% of their habitat has already been destroyed. Brazil's Atlantic coastal rain forests are disappearing due to logging, agriculture, and industry. There are only 1500 left in the wild. The main predators of the tamarin are raptors, big cats and snakes.
Did you know?	Females usually give birth to twins. All the members of her group will help her to take care for the babies, but the dad helps the most.

Dictionary corner

Diurnal - most active during the day

Habitat - the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism

Omnivore - eats both plants and animals

Predator - an animal that naturally preys on others

Tegulae - sharp claws

