

The Silverback Gorilla

The silverback gorilla is an adult male gorilla. He is called silverback because of the silver hair that grows on his back after he has become an adult.

Family

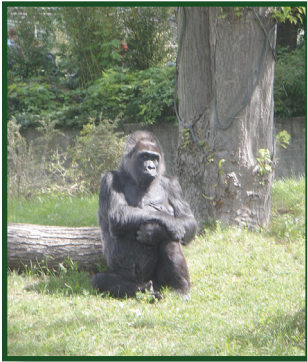
Gorillas live in a family group called a troop. Each troop is lead by one silverback gorilla. There are also adult female gorillas and their babies in the troop.

About Gorillas

There are two types, or species of gorillas:

- The eastern gorilla lives in east central Africa
- The western gorilla lives in west central Africa.

Both species are classified as endangered.

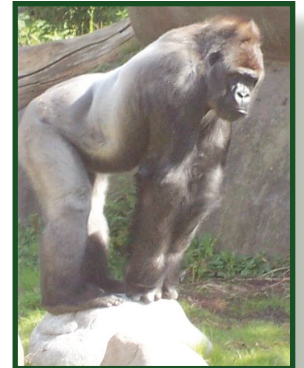


Gorilla Food

Gorillas eat mostly leaves, tree shoots and some fruit. The Eastern Gorilla also eats insects, such as ants.

Silverback Size

A silverback gorilla may be as tall as 5 feet 9 inches and weigh over 400 pounds.



Tell a Story

Imagine you are a silverback gorilla who lives in a zoo. Write a story about what you would do when the zoo visitors come to see you.
