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| **Gorilla** | |
| [IMG_256](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Male_gorilla_in_SF_zoo.jpg) | |
| Silverback male *Gorilla gorilla* | |
| [**Scientific classification**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(biology)) | |
| Kingdom: | [Animalia](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal) |
| Class: | [Mammalia](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mammal) |
| Order: | [Primates](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primate) |
| Family: | [Hominidae](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hominidae) |
| Subfamily: | [Homininae](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homininae) |
| Genus: | ***Gorilla*** |
| [IMG_257](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:ZL_Gorilla_(genus).png) | |
| Distribution of gorillas | |

**GORILA**

Gorillas are large apes. They can be strong like [chimpanzees](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chimpanzee) and [orangutans](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orangutan). An adult male gorilla can weigh up to 225 kilograms and stand 1.8 meters in height. Gorillas live in family groups called troops. They have a broad chest, wide shoulders, short legs, and long strong arms. They have black [skin](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skin) and [hair](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hair). Adult male gorillas' hair becomes silver/grey on their backs as they become older. Because of that, older males are called "silverbacks".

Gorillas live in the [rainforests](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainforest) in central [Africa](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa). They mostly live on the ground, but they can also climb. When on the ground, they walk on their [feet and finger knuckles](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knuckle-walk).[[3]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorilla#cite_note-Nature-3)[[4]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorilla#cite_note-Ringer-4)[[5]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorilla#cite_note-Conv-5) Troops of gorillas wander slowly through the forests of Central Africa. For about half of their day they search for leaves, vines, and bamboo shoots to eat. Sometimes they also eat ants or termites. For the rest of the day, they lay in the sun and play with their children. If another gorilla threatens them, the troop's leader, the silverback, protects them by rearing up and beating his chest. Although mostly vegetarian, they have long [canine teeth](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canine_teeth) or fangs that the adult males sometimes use to fight each other for the troop leadership.