

MAMMAL SECTION

RED-CAPPED MANGABEY

ABOUT

The Red-capped Mangabey is named after the port city of Mangabe in Madagascar from which they were first shipped to Europe, although they do not come from Madagascar, but from Nigeria. The Red-capped Mangabey is also known as the Cherry-capped Mangabey and the White-collared Mangabey, and is a medium size African, monkey. Their body is gray-black to chestnut-brown. The hair on the top of their head is a dark maroon-red color, with black tips. The white hair on the side of the head goes around their neck like a collar to a white patch on the back of their head. White hair is also found underneath their chin and in the area below their eyebrow. Their dark chestnut-brown tail is white-tipped.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The Red-capped Mangabey is found in which country?

- a. Madagascar
- b. China
- c. Nigeria
- d. Tanzania

The answer is C

DID YOU KNOW?

Red-capped Mangabeys are known for their loud alarm call. They use different facial expressions and body postures to communicate. They live where there is lots of swampland and forest. The population is unknown, but the numbers are believed not to be large. They are endangered on some lists and vulnerable on others. They are hunted because of their large size making them a desirable food source. They are at risk of losing their habitat due to increasing human population. They have large cheek pouches to store food and powerful jaws and teeth for cracking shells. Mangabeys forage (search) for food by day, filling their cheek pouches with fruit, leaves and insects for dining on later. They have also been known to hunt frogs and lizards and eat any eggs they can find.