



# Callitrichids

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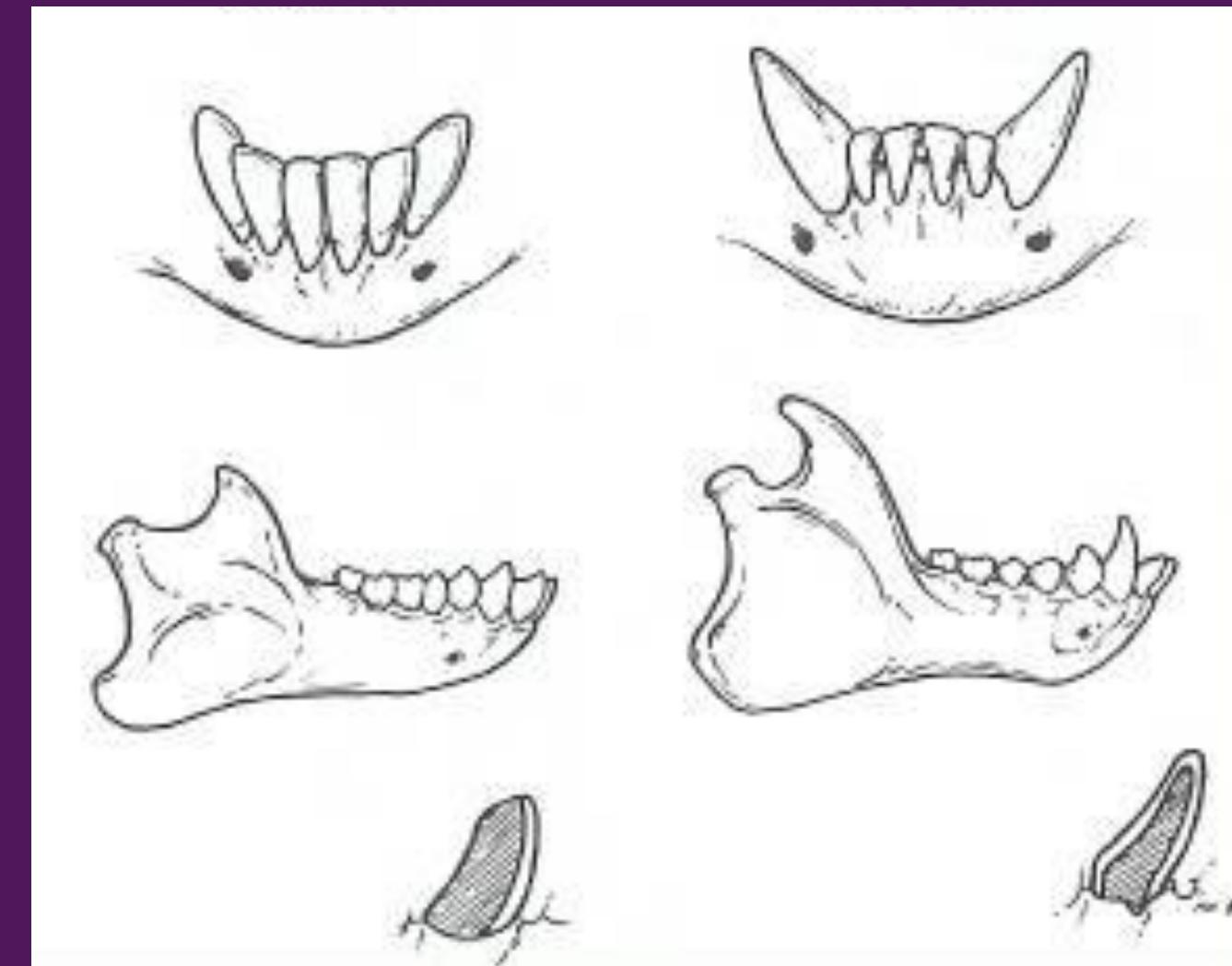
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- Found in South America
  - Occuring in primary or secondary forests.  
Inhabiting the middle and lower storeys of the forest
  - 64 species and subspecies:
    - 24 marmosets
    - 35 Tamarins
    - 4 Lion Tamarins
    - Goeldis monkey
  - Represent 30% of the extant New World primates



The marmosets and tamarins are distinguished primarily by the elongated lower incisors of the marmosets, an adaptation to eating plant exudates (gummivory).





Smallest species: Pygmy marmoset  
Just over 100g



Largest species: Lion tamarins  
Weigh up to 900g

## Wild diets

- Primarily Frugivore-insectivores
- Will also feed on flowers, nectar and fungi
- Does differ dependant on species/season
  - *Callithrix*, *Callibella* and *Cebuella* are the only callitrichid genera with dental adaptations for tree - gouging
- The other callitrichid genera will opportunistically feed on gum



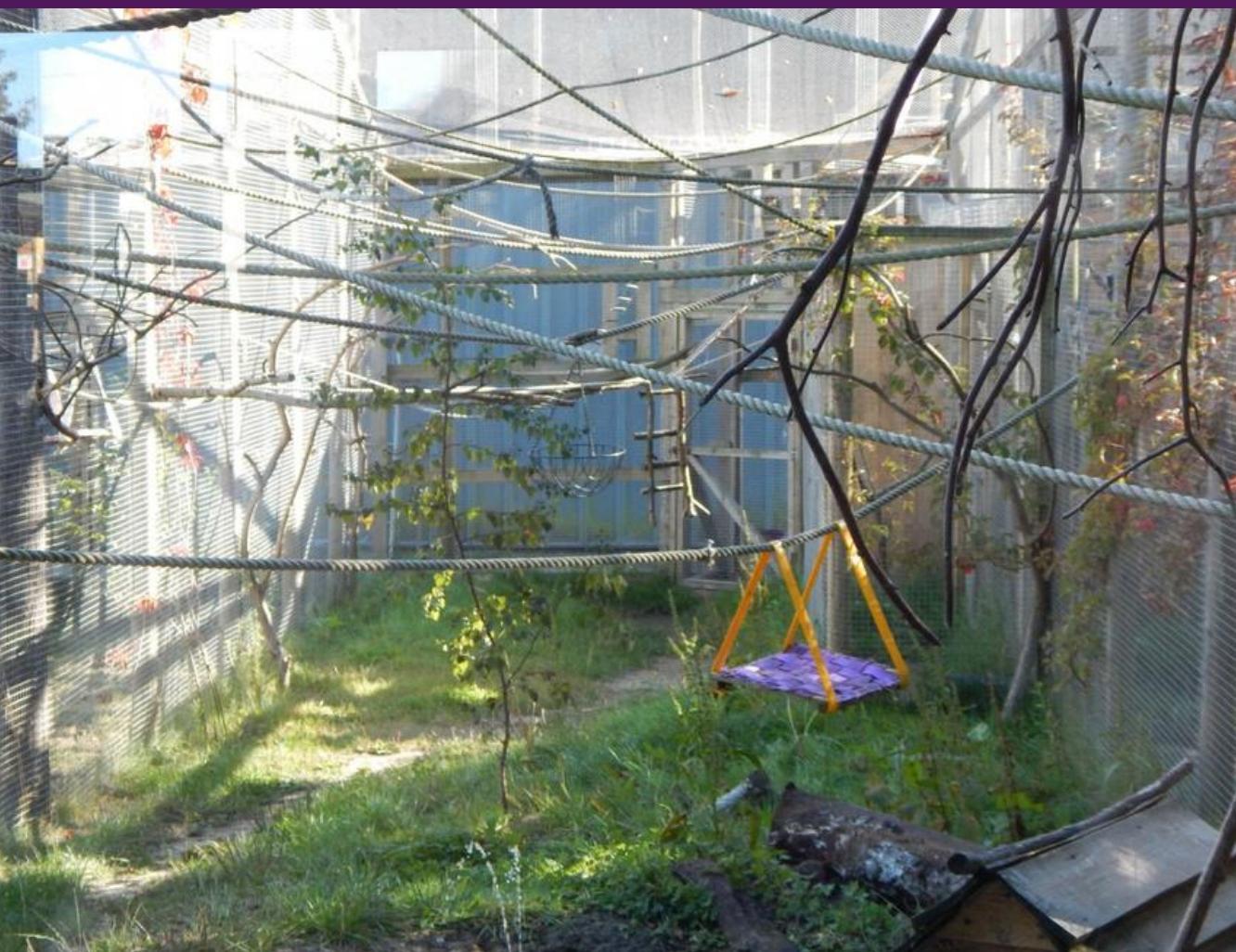
# Enclosure size

"Enclosures should be a minimum height of 2.5 metres, and the combined indoor/outdoor area accessible to the animal 80% of their waking hours year-round should be 32.5 cubic metres. Indoor enclosures should also have a minimum total floor size of 3 sq. metres, a height of 2.5 metres and be configured into at least two separable areas to enable easier cleaning and to hold new animals for introduction, for parturition or if unwell. Outdoor enclosures should be a minimum of 10 sq. metres, with a minimum height of 2.5 metres "

# Things to consider

- Enclosure location
- Barriers
- Furnishings
- Planting
- Substrates
- Heating
- UV
- Social dynamics





# Provision of

# UV



Lamp + material	Distance from lamp (Inches)	UVI reading
Lamp only	6	4.5
	12	2.1
	24	0.8
Lamp with mesh screen	6	2.2
	12	1.1
	24	0.5
Lamp with guard	6	2.7
	12	1.3
	24	0.4
UV acrylic	6	3.8
	12	1.8
	24	0.7
Glass	6	0.5
	12	0.9
	24	0.2

Summary:

# Provision of UV

Callitrichids: diurnal forest-dwellers

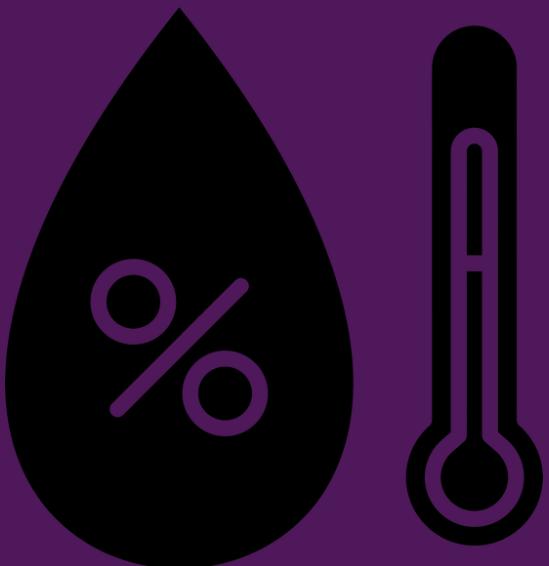
1	Crepuscular or shade dweller	UVI up to max 0.7 - 1	
2	Partial sun or occasional basker	UVI up to max 1 - 3	
3	Open or partial sun; thermophilic	UVI up to max 3 - 7	
4	Mid-day baskers; thermophilic	UVI up to max 4.5 - 8	



# Temperature and Humidity



20-24 degrees celsius



60 - 70%







# Nest boxes

- Nest boxes should always be offered
- One box per family group
- Access - Big enough for adults carrying infants
- Can be adapted - slides/doors



# **Feeding and Nutrition**

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A Veg	B Veg	C Veg
Cabbage (any sort)	Broccoli	Swede
Chicory	Cauliflower	Squash (any sort)
Collards	Celery	Pumpkin
Kale	Corn	Sweet potato
Lettuce (any sort)	Cucumber	Turnips
Spring greens	Fennel	Jerusalem artichoke
Spinach	Leeks	Mangels
Swiss chard	Mushrooms	Beetroot
Turnip greens	Okra	Carrots
Asparagus	Peas	Celeriac
Brussel sprouts	Onions	Parsnips
	Peppers	Kohlrabi
	Radishes	Aubergine
	Tomatoes	Potato
	Green beans	
	Broad beans	
	Avocado	
	Artichoke	



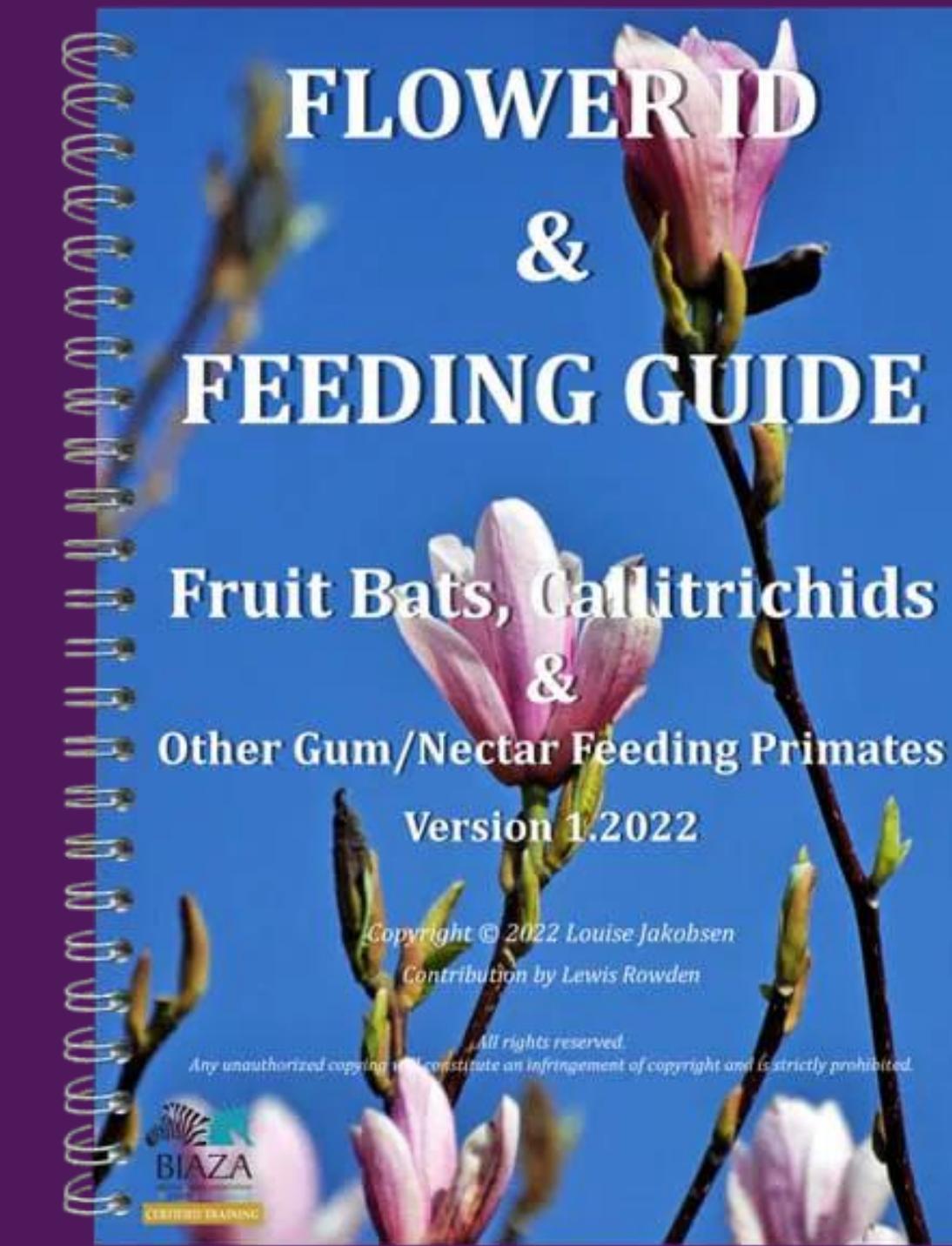
Daily Diet per Animal    25- 11- 2023    No. of Animals: 3.3

Item	Individual weight	Amount for Group
DK leafeater small	5g	30g
Steamed vegetables	5g	30g (1 x 30g)
Raw root vegetables	10g	60g (2 x 30g)
Other vegetables	15g	90g (2 x 45g)
Protein (see protein sheet)	5g	30g
Total	40g	240g









# Training





# Health problems

- Wasting syndrome
- Metabolic bone disease
- Yersiniosis
- Iron overload disorder





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