

Grey Slender Loris

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Recently, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have begun efforts to restore habitats and strengthen monitoring of the grey slender loris.

About Grey Slender Loris

- The gray slender loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) is a **species of primate** in the **family Loridae**.
- They are **prosimians**—which means they are part of the **oldest and most primitive group** of primates
- **Habitat:** It is found in tropical primary and secondary rainforests, **dry semi-deciduous forests, scrub, swamp, acacia**, bamboo, edge, and montane cloud forest.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in **southern India (mainly in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu)** and **Sri Lanka**.

Characteristics of Grey Slender Loris

- It is a **nocturnal hunter**.

- It **has no tail**, its flexible spine and long limbs help it cross the canopy with agility.
- It has **opposable thumbs** which allow it to cling motionless for long periods.
- It has large, forward-facing eyes with **extraordinary night vision**.
- **Communication:** Gray slender lorises communicate using **vocalizations and scent marking**.
- **Diet:** It is almost **entirely insectivorous**, and more than half of its diet is composed of ants and termites.
- **Threats:** Illegal pet trade, hunting for body parts and roadside captures.

Conservation Status of Grey Slender Loris

- **IUCN Red List:** Near threatened
- **CITES:** Appendix II
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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