Slender Loris Species



Grey Slender Loris

Loris lydekkerianus

Southeast India, Sri Lankan Dry Zone

Characteristics: 228 - 294 g

Grayish buff dorsal colour often with white frosting, creamy ventrum, usually a dark dorsal stripe depending on subspecies, rounded muzzle, pointed circumocular patches.



Red Slender Loris

Loris tardigradus

Southern Sri Lanka Wet Zone

Characteristics:

85 – 170 g

Red brown with or without a dorsal stripe, with yellowish ventral hair. Pointy muzle and rounded circumocular patches.



Malabar Grey Slender Loris

l oris malabaricus

South and Southwest India

Characteristics:

180 - 270 g

Red brown pelage without white frosting on the dorsum or head; dorsal stripe absent or indistinct; very round face and relatively large eyes to face.







Pygmy Loris Species



Northern Pygmy Loris

Xanthonycticebus intermedius

Northern Vietnam, northern Laos and southern China

Characteristics:

350 - 470 g dry season 450 - 580 g wet season Relatively smaller skull and muzzle length leading to rounder face; reddish buff hair with dorsal stripe present seasonally; significant seasonal colour variation; relatively longer thicker pelage than Southern form.



Southern Pygmy Loris

Xanthonycticebus pygmaeus

Southern Vietnam, southern Laos, southern China and eastern Cambodia

Characteristics: 320 - 520 g Minor seasonal variation in pelage colour. Crown orange and diffuse to

ears with eye patches meeting crown with a barely visible point. Naked black ears and shorter fur and longer pointier face than Northern form.

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Slow Loris Species



Javan Slow Loris
Nycticebus javanicus

Java (Indonesia)

Characteristics: 850 – 1,050 g Whitish nape with striped pattern, tufted ears with dark fur, dark eye fork with eye patch extending down the cheek, and a creamcoloured diamond between the eyes.



Bengal Slow Loris Nycticebus bengalensis

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand & Vietnam

Characteristics: 850 - 2,100 g Considerable variation exists in body size and coat colour - white to crimson red; absence of head forks to possession of light head forks.



Bangka Slow Loris Nycticebus bancanus

Bangka Belitung Islands (Indonesia)

Characteristics: 500 – 700 g Medium-sized species, scarlet red pelage, hairy ears, light mask on face.



Philippine Slow Loris
Nycticebus menagensis

Philippines, Borneo distribution requires ground truthing

Characteristics: 450 – 650 g White muzzle, eyes ringed in black, ears concealed in fur, yellow to light brown crown, faint head markings and dorsal stripe.



Bornean Slow Loris
Nycticebus borneanus

Borneo - distribution requires ground truthing

Characteristics: 600 – 850 g Dark contrasting facemask, crown patch is often round but sometimes a band, hairy ears, pelage is long and fluffy.



Greater Slow Loris

Nycticebus coucang

Peninsula Malaysia, Sumatra (Indonesia), Singapore & Thailand

Characteristics:
635 – 850 g
Short muzzle, greyish nape,
reddish/brownish crown that
tends to diffuse near its ears,
but meets its eye patch at a
point.



Sumatran Slow Loris Nycticebus hilleri

Northern Sumatra (Indonesia)

Characteristics: 650 – 790 g Smooth red brown coat, dark black ring around the eyes, crown is diffused with rounded forks above the eyes, short dorsal stripe.



Kayan Slow Loris
Nycticebus kayan

Borneo - distribution requires ground truthing

Characteristics: 500 – 700 g Fluffy coat and a greyish nape, dark contrasting facemask reaching lower jaw, diffused crown patch, hairy ears.