

# LOWLAND GORILLA

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My animal's common name is lowland gorilla. My animal's scientific name is pongidae. A gorilla is a mammal.

A male gets to 350 – 6—pounds, and a female is half the weight. A gorilla eats plants, fruit, leaves, stems, bark, and seeds. The mother usually has one baby at a time, 3-5 pounds. The mother sleeps with them and sometimes does piggyback. The baby is just called a gorilla.

The gorilla's numbers are going down because of humans. Humans are killing them because of food, body parts, cutting down forests, and fur.

Facts:

1. The gorilla's foot has a thumb.
2. They live 10-20 years longer in captivity.
3. A male lives longer than a female.
4. Gorillas are nice and peaceful.
5. The gorillas you see in the zoo are lowland gorillas.
6. Western lowland gorillas climb more trees to eat.
7. Their diet is different in the zoo.
8. Females start to breed around 10 years old.
9. Gorillas have a lump on their head.
10. A gorilla's height is 5.6-5.9 feet.

