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Gorillas are large, primarily herbivorous, great apes that live in the tropical forests of equatorial Africa. The genus *Gorilla* is divided into two species: the eastern gorilla and the western gorilla, and either four or five subspecies. The DNA of gorillas is highly similar to that of humans, from 96 to 99% depending on what is included, and they are the next closest living relatives to humans after the bonobos and chimpanzees.

Gorillas are the largest living primates, reaching heights between 1.25 and 1.8 m (4 ft 1 in and 5 ft 11 in), weights between 100 and 270 kg (220 and 600 lb), and arm spans up to 2.6 m (8 ft 6 in), depending on species and sex. They tend to live in troops, with the leader being called a silverback. The eastern gorilla is distinguished from the western by darker fur colour and some other minor morphological differences. Gorillas tend to live 35–40 years in the wild.

Gorillas' natural habitats cover tropical or subtropical forest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Although their range covers a small percentage of Sub-Saharan Africa, gorillas cover a wide range of elevations. The mountain gorilla inhabits the Albertine Rift montane cloud forests of the Virunga Volcanoes, ranging in altitude from 2,200 to 4,300 m (7,200 to 14,100 ft). Lowland gorillas live in dense forests and lowland swamps and marshes as low as sea level, with western lowland gorillas living in Central West African countries and eastern lowland gorillas living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo near its border with Rwanda.

There are thought to be around 316,000 western gorillas in the wild, and 5,000 eastern gorillas. Both species are classified as Critically Endangered by the IUCN; all subspecies are classified as Critically Endangered with the exception of the mountain gorilla, which is classified as Endangered. There are many threats to their survival, such as poaching, habitat destruction, and disease, which threaten the survival of the species. However, conservation efforts have been successful in some areas where they live.

## Western lowland gorilla

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The western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*) is one of two Critically Endangered subspecies of the western gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) that lives in montane, primary and secondary forest and lowland swampland in central Africa in Angola (Cabinda Province), Cameroon, Central African Republic, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon. It is the nominate subspecies of the western gorilla, and the smallest of the four gorilla subspecies.

The western lowland gorilla is the only subspecies kept in zoos with the exception of Amahoro, a female eastern lowland gorilla at Antwerp Zoo, and a few mountain gorillas kept captive in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

## Mountain gorilla

*subspecies Gorilla gorilla gorilla (western lowland gorilla), Gorilla gorilla graueri (lowland gorillas found west of the Virungas) and Gorilla gorilla beringei*

The mountain gorilla (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) is one of the two subspecies of the eastern gorilla. It is listed as endangered by the IUCN as of 2018.

There are two populations: One is found in the Virunga volcanic mountains of Central/East Africa, within three National Parks: Mgahinga, in southwest Uganda; Volcanoes, in northwest Rwanda; and Virunga, in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The other population is found in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Some primatologists speculate the Bwindi population is a separate subspecies, though no description has been finalized. The latest population count, released in 2019, revealed there to be approximately 1060 mountain gorillas in the wild.

## Gorilla Grodd

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He is an evil, super-intelligent gorilla who gained mental powers after being exposed to a strange meteorite's radiation. The character serves primarily as an antagonist of *The Flash*, but has also fought other heroes such as *Batman* and *Superman*.

Grodd has appeared in several forms of DC-related media, including television series and films. He has been voiced by Stanley Ralph Ross, Powers Boothe, John DiMaggio, and David Sobolov, among others.

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The western gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) is a great ape found in Africa, one of two species of the hominid genus *Gorilla*. Large and robust with males weighing around 168 kilograms (370 lb), the species is found in a region of midwest Africa, geographically isolated from the eastern gorilla (*Gorilla beringei*). The hair of the western species is significantly lighter in color.

The western gorilla is the second largest living primate after the eastern gorilla. Two subspecies are recognised: the western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*) is found in most of West Africa; while the Cross River gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) is limited to a smaller range in the north at the border of Cameroon and Nigeria. Both subspecies are listed Critically Endangered.

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100 men versus a gorilla is a thought experiment concerning the winner of a hypothetical battle between one hundred male humans and a silverback gorilla. The premise typically assumes that the men are unarmed. First recorded in a Reddit post in 2020, the question of who would win has inspired satirical internet memes, along with various discussions, throughout the 2020s.

## Gorilla (disambiguation)

*up Gorilla, gorilla, blackback, gorila, or silverback in Wiktionary, the free dictionary. The gorilla is a species of great ape. Gorilla, Gorillas, etc*

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Gorilla, Gorillas, etc., may also refer to:

Koko (gorilla)

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Hanabiko, nicknamed "Koko" (July 4, 1971 – June 19, 2018) was a female western lowland gorilla born in the San Francisco Zoo and cross-fostered by Francine Patterson for use in ape language experiments. Koko gained public attention as the subject of two National Geographic cover stories and, in 1985, the best-selling children's picture book, *Koko's Kitten*. Koko became the world's most famous representative of her critically endangered species.

Koko's communication skills were hotly debated. Koko used many signs adapted from American Sign Language, but the scientific consensus is that she did not demonstrate the syntax or grammar required of true language. Patterson has been widely criticized for misrepresenting Koko's skills, providing insufficient care for Koko and her companion gorillas, and inappropriate treatment of Gorilla Foundation staff members.

Koko's story helped to change the public image of gorillas, previously assumed to be brainless and violent. After Koko's death, the journal *Science* published an obituary noting that she had "helped transform how the human world viewed animal emotion—and intelligence".

Eastern gorilla

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The eastern gorilla (*Gorilla beringei*) is a critically endangered species of the genus *Gorilla* and the largest living primate. At present, the species is subdivided into two subspecies. There are 6,800 eastern lowland gorillas or Grauer's gorillas (*G. b. graueri*) and 1,000 mountain gorillas (*G. b. beringei*). Illegal hunting threatens the species.

Cross River gorilla

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The Cross River gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) is a critically endangered subspecies of the western gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*). It was named a new species in 1904 by Paul Matschie, a mammalian taxonomist working at the Humboldt University Zoological Museum in Berlin, but its populations were not systematically surveyed until 1987.

It is the most western and northern form of gorilla, and is restricted to the forested hills and mountains of the Cameroon-Nigeria border region at the headwaters of the Cross River. It is separated by about 300 km (190 mi) from the nearest population of western lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), and by around 250 km (160 mi) from the gorilla population in the Ebo Forest of Cameroon. Estimates from 2014 suggest that fewer than 250 mature Cross River gorillas remain, making them the world's rarest great ape. Groups of these gorillas concentrate their activities in 11 localities across a 12,000 km<sup>2</sup> (4,600 sq mi) range, though recent field surveys confirmed the presence of gorillas outside of their known localities suggesting a wider distribution within this range. This distribution is supported by genetic research, which has found evidence that many Cross River gorilla localities continue to maintain contact through the occasional dispersal of individuals. In 2009, the Cross River gorilla was finally captured on professional video on a forested

mountain in Cameroon.

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