

An introduction to gorillas

The next step is to make you an expert on Cross River gorillas. Read through these pages, completing the small activities as you go. Look out for small challenges, and fun facts about where to find Cross River gorillas, how to find them and how to help them.



Cross River gorilla,
The most endangered
and the focus of our
project



Mountain gorilla,
Successfully being
saved from
extinction



Western lowland gorilla,
The type you'll find in zoos

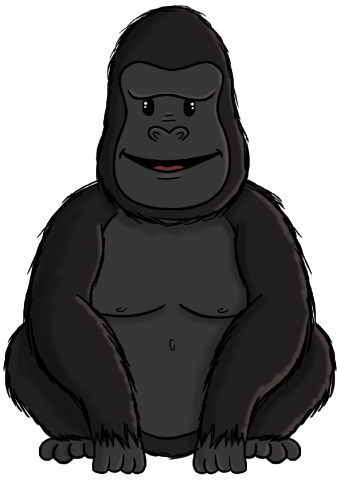


Eastern lowland gorilla,
The largest gorilla

Above you can see all four types (subspecies) of gorillas and where they live in Africa. Notice how they all live close to the centre? Cross River gorillas are most like Western lowland gorillas, who they live closest to.

FUN FACT: The picture of the Cross River gorilla was taken by our very own director, John Daniels, during his travels. The gorilla in the photo was a female called Nyango.





Gorillas spend more time on their hands and feet than us because they knuckle walk.



Adult gorillas are 1.2 – 1.7m tall when they are stood on their feet, similar to human adults.

What's your height stood up?

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What's your height knuckle walking?

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CHALLENGE: Try knuckle walking across your room like a gorilla. Why not film it and tag us?

The exact number of Cross River gorillas is unknown but the estimated number is

Less than 300

What is the average lifespan?

Gorilla in zoos: 50 years

Gorilla in the wild: 35 years

The average weight of a Cross River gorilla is 200 kg.

CHALLENGE: What else is as heavy as 200 kg? E.g. 428 cans of baked beans!

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