

Loris Species of Cambodia & Vietnam



Identification Guide

Introduction

Two species of Lorises occur in Indochina – the Pygmy Loris *Nycticebus pygmaeus* and the Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*. Little is known about their ecology and status in the wild; even their distribution is not fully understood. This general lack of information is partly due to the fact that these animals are often misidentified. However there are a number of differentiating characteristics. This guide is aimed at providing the reader with a description of these differences and photographic evidence of the defining physical traits of the two species.

General Rules

- If an animal is uttering a 'chirp' or 'chatter' when being handled it may be sub-adult and therefore difficult to assess
- Unhealthy animals may not fully display characteristics
- Head body length is measured as the distance from the top of the head to the base of the tail (sitting height)
- Size alone can only be used as a characteristic if an animal has head body length larger than 230mm
- If an animal is identified from a picture, attention should be paid to possible size comparisons - food items, cage wire, etc
- Before a decision is made at least three characteristics should be assessed

For further information, please refer to the back page.

Species Distribution Map

Overlapping range of *N. bengalensis* & *N. pygmaeus*



Northern Slow Loris
Nycticebus bengalensis

Pygmy Loris
Nycticebus pygmaeus

Pygmy Loris *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- Head-body length: less than 230mm
- Foot length: less than 45mm
- Colour: Orange/buff with seasonal variations in degree of frosting
- May have narrow dorsal stripe not extending to the tail
- Skin on hands and feet is dark in colour
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur

ក្បាលត្រីក្របី *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- ប្រវែងរាងកាយ: តិចជាង ២៣០ មម
- ប្រវែងជើង: តិចជាង ៤៥ មម
- ពណ៌: ក្រហម/លឿង មានការប្តូរពណ៌តាមរដូវ
- អាចមានបន្ទាត់ខ្នងមិនប្រសិនបើប្រសិនបើ
- ស្បែកដៃ និងជើង មានពណ៌ងងឹត
- ត្រីក្របី មានប្រវែងតិចជាង ២៣០ មម
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កូនត្រីក្របី *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- វែងដៃ ដួងកាយ តិចជាង ២៣០ មម
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Pygmy Loris *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- Colour: buff with frosting
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur
- Skin on hand is stark in colour



Pygmy Lorris *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- Colour: Orange with frosting
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur



Pygmy Loris *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- **Caution:** unhealthy animal
- Skin colouration can not be used as a characteristic
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur



Pygmy Lemur *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- Colour: buff with frosting
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur
- Skin on hand is dark in colour



Pygmy Loris, *Nycticebus pygmaeus*

- Animals in different colouration stages
- Covered with (fading) (brown), or bright orange (below)
- Dorsal wings narrow, ending in barbed area (above), or absent (below)



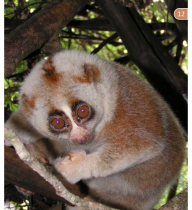
Pygmy Leary's Myotis *Myotis pygmaeus*

- Colour: buff with frosting
- Ears almost hairless
- Ears clearly protruding from the fur
- Skin on hands and feet is dark in colour
- Dorsal stripe narrow



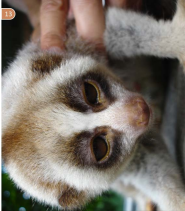
Pygmy Leek *Nystrobus pygmaeus*

- Colour: buff with frosting
- Narrow dorsal fin; tail extending to the tail



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orange/brown with freckling, white head and forelimbs
- Skin on hand is light in colour
- Ears almost completely concealed by fur
- Bars densely covered in fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- White head and forelimbs
- Ears almost completely concealed by fur
- Ears densely covered in fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orange/brown with frosting, white head and forelimbs
- Skin on hands and feet is light in colour
- Wide dorsal stripe extending to the base of the tail
- Ears almost completely concealed by fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orangebrown with frosting, white head
- Ears almost completely concealed by fur
- Ears densely covered in fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orange/brown, with frosting, white head
- Skin on head is light in colour
- Ears almost completely concealed by fur
- Ears densely covered in fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orangebrown with frosting, white head and forelimbs
- Skin on hands is light in colour
- Wide dorsal stripe extending to the base of the tail
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- Ears densely covered in fur



Northern Slow Loris *Nycticebus bengalensis*

- Colour: Dull orange/brown with frosting, white head and forelimbs
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Protection Status

Vietnam: Decree 32/2006/ND-CP from 30.3.2006

Cambodia: PRKAS 020 from 25.1.2007

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