

# Possible Sites for Animal Preserves: Conservation of *Cebus* and *Saimiri* Monkeys



- Bearded Capuchin  
*C. libidinosus*
- Wedge-capped Capuchin  
*C. olivaceus*
- Large-headed Capuchin  
*C. macrocephalus*

Capuchin (*Cebus*) Territory



- Guianan Brown Capuchin  
*C. apella*
- White-fronted Capuchin  
*C. albifrons*

Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri*) Territory



- Black-headed Squirrel Monkey  
*S. boliviensis*
- Common Squirrel Monkey  
*S. sciureus*
- Golden-backed Squirrel Monkey  
*S. ustus*

The family Cebidae is made up of new world monkeys. These include the capuchins (*Cebus*) and squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri*). Squirrel monkeys are mostly insectivores-fruitivores, which means they eat insects and fruit. Capuchins are omnivorous, with a varied diet. Both squirrel monkeys and capuchins are arboreal and depend on the forests they live in for food and shelter.

Deforestation and human population growth threatens the lives of these primate species. By looking at where their populations overlap, we can determine which areas would benefit most from preservation efforts. A large number of *Cebus* and *Saimiri* are found in the northern portion of South America. Preservation of the forest types included in this region would benefit these species.

Through education, introduction of sustainable agriculture, and the introduction of Eco-Tourism, it is hoped that the human populations can learn to live in conjunction with these primates.

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- Legend**
- Suggested Area of Preservation**
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- Cities**
- Population Size**
- 5,000,000 and greater
  - 1,000,000 to 5,000,000
  - 500,000 to 1,000,000
  - 250,000 to 500,000
  - 100,000 to 250,000
  - 50,000 to 100,000
  - Less than 50,000



- Legend**
- Environment Type**
- Guyana Highland Savanna
  - Venezuela Savanna
  - Cerrado Savanna
  - Amazonian Forest
  - N. Andean Montane Forest & Grassland
  - Other Environment Types
- Cities**
- Population Size**
- 5,000,000 and greater
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