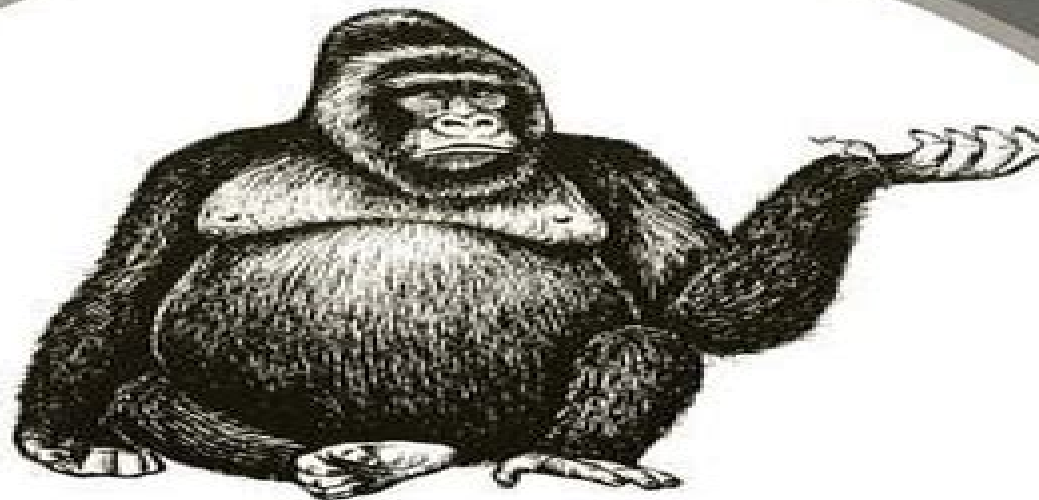


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## Size And Scaling In Primate Biology:

**Size and Scaling in Primate Biology** William J. Jungers, 2013-12-14 In very general terms scaling can be defined as the structural and functional consequences of differences in size or scale among organisms of more or less similar design. Interest in certain aspects of body size and scaling in primate biology e.g. relative brain size dates to the turn of the century and scientific debate and dialogue on numerous aspects of this general subject have continued to be a primary concern of primatologists, physical anthropologists and other vertebrate biologists up to the present. Indeed the intensity and scope of such research on primates have grown enormously in the past decade or so. Information continues to accumulate rapidly from many different sources and the task of synthesizing the available data and theories on any given topic is becoming increasingly formidable. In addition to the formal exchange of new ideas and information among scientific experts in specific areas of scaling research, two of the major goals of this volume are an assessment of our progress toward understanding various size-related phenomena in primates and the identification of future prospects for continuing advances in this realm. Although the subject matter and specific details of the issues considered in the 20 chapters that follow are very diversified, all topics share the same fundamental and unifying biological theme: body size variation in primates and its implications for behavior and ecology, anatomy and physiology and evolution.

**Primate Craniofacial Function and Biology** Chris Vinyard, Matthew J. Ravosa, Christine Wall, 2008-09-17 *Primate Craniofacial Function and Biology* is an integrative volume with broad coverage of current research on primate craniofacial biology and function. Topic headings include the mammalian perspective on primate craniofacial form and function, allometric and comparative morphological studies of primate heads, in vivo research on primate mastication, modeling of the primate masticatory apparatus, primate dental form and function, and palaeoanthropologic studies of primate skulls. Additionally, the volume includes introductory chapters discussing how primatologists study adaptations in primates and a discussion of in vivo approaches for studying primate performance. At present, there are no texts with a similar focus on primate craniofacial biology and no sources that approach this topic from such a wide range of research perspectives. This breadth of research covered by leaders in their respective fields makes this volume a unique and innovative contribution to biological anthropology.

***Species, Species Concepts and Primate Evolution*** William H. Kimbel, Lawrence B. Martin, 2013-12-18 A world of categories devoid of spirit waits for life to return. Saul Bellow, Humboldt's Gift. The stock in trade of communicating hypotheses about the historical path of evolution is a graphical representation called a phylogenetic tree. In most such graphics, pairs of branches diverge from other branches successively, marching across abstract time toward the present. To each branch is tied a tag with a name, a binominal symbol that functions as does the name given to an individual human being. On phylogenetic trees, the names symbolize species. What exactly do these names signify? What kind of information is communicated when we claim to have knowledge of the following types? *Tetodonius mathewzi* was ancestral to *Pseudotetodonius ambiguus*. The sample of fossils attributed to *Homo habilis* is too variable

to contain only one species Interbreeding populations of savanna baboons all belong to *Papio anubis* *Hylobates lar* and *H. pileatus* interbreed in zones of geographic overlap While there is nearly universal agreement that the notion of the species is fundamental to our understanding of how evolution works there is a very wide range of opinion on the conceptual content and meaning of such particular statements regarding species This is because oddly enough evolutionary biologists are quite far from agreement on what a species is how it attains this status and what role it plays in evolution over the long term

**Reconstructing Behavior in the Primate Fossil Record** J. Michael Plavcan, Richard F. Kay, William L. Jungers, Carel P. van Schaik, 2012-12-06 This volume brings together a series of papers that address the topic of reconstructing behavior in the primate fossil record The literature devoted to reconstructing behavior in extinct species is overwhelming and very diverse Sometimes it seems as though behavioral reconstruction is done as an afterthought in the discussion section of papers relegated to the status of informed speculation But recent years have seen an explosion in studies of adaptation functional anatomy comparative sociobiology and development Powerful new comparative methods are now available on the internet At the same time we face a rapidly growing fossil record that offers more and more information on the morphology and paleoenvironments of extinct species Consequently inferences of behavior in extinct species have become better grounded in comparative studies of living species and are becoming increasingly rigorous We offer here a series of papers that review broad issues related to reconstructing various aspects of behavior from very different types of evidence We hope that in so doing the reader will gain a perspective on the various types of evidence that can be brought to bear on reconstructing behavior the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches and perhaps new approaches to the topic We define behavior as broadly as we can including life history traits locomotion diet and social behavior giving the authors considerable freedom in choosing what exactly they wish to explore Evolutionary History of the Robust Australopithecines Frederick E.

Grine, 2017-09-29 In paleoanthropology the group of hominids known as the robust australopithecines has emerged as one of the most interesting Through them we have the opportunity to examine the origin natural history and ultimate extinction of not just a single species but of an entire branch in the hominid fossil record It is generally agreed that the human lineage can be traced back to this group of comparatively small brained large toothed creatures This volume focuses on the evolutionary history of these early hominids with state of the art contributions by leading international authorities in the field Although a case can be made for a robust lineage the functional and taxonomic implications of the morphological features are subject to vigorous disagreement An area of lively debate is the possible causal relationship between the presence of early *Homo* and the origin evolution and virtual extinction of robust australopithecines This volume summarizes what has been learned about the evolutionary history of the robust australopithecines in the 50 years since Robert Broom first encountered the visage of a new kind of ape man from Kromdraai New discoveries from Kromdraai to Lomekwi have served to keep us aware that the paleontological record for hominid evolution is hardly exhausted Because of such finds no single volume can hope to stand as

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### **Primate Locomotion**

Elizabeth Strasser, John Fleagle, Alfred L. Rosenberger, Henry McHenry, 2013-06-29 The study of primate locomotion is a unique discipline that by its nature is interdisciplinary drawing on and integrating research from ethology ecology comparative anatomy physiology biomechanics paleontology etc When combined and focused on particular problems this diversity of approaches permits unparalleled insight into critical aspects of our evolutionary past and into a major component of the behavioral repertoire of all animals Unfortunately because of the structure of academia integration of these different approaches is a rare phenomenon For instance papers on primate behavior tend to be published in separate specialist journals and read by subgroups of anthropologists and zoologists thus precluding critical syntheses In the spring of 1995 we overcame this compartmentalization by organizing a conference that brought together experts with many different perspectives on primate locomotion to address the current state of the field and to consider where we go from here The conference Primate Locomotion 1995 took place thirty years after the pioneering conference on the same topic that was convened by the late Warren G Kinzey at Davis in 1965

### Adaptive Radiations of Neotropical Primates Marilyn A.

Norconk, Alfred L. Rosenberger, Paul A. Garber, 2011-06-28 This collection of 29 papers grew out of a symposium entitled Setting the Future Agenda for Neotropical Primates The symposium was held at the Department of Zoological Research National Zoological Park Washington D C on February 26 27 1994 and was sponsored by the Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Smithsonian Institution and Friends of the National Zoo We put the symposium together with two objectives to honor Warren G Kinzey for his contributions to the growing field of platyrrhine studies and to provide researchers who work in the Neotropics with the opportunity to discuss recent developments to identify areas of research that require additional study and especially to help guide the next generation of researchers The symposium provided the opportunity to recognize Warren as a mentor and collaborator to the contribution of the study of platyrrhines Contributions to the book were expanded in order to provide a more comprehensive view of platyrrhine evolution and ecology to emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of many of these studies and to highlight the central role that New World monkeys play in advancing primatology If this volume were to require major revisions after just one more decade of research that would be a fitting testament to Warren's enthusiasm and his drive to continually update the field with new ideas and methods Tributes to Warren and a list of his publications have been published elsewhere Norconk 1994 1996 Rosenberger 1994 1995

### Primate

Adaptation and Evolution John Fleagle, 1998-09-21 John Fleagle has improved on his 1988 text by reconceptualizing chapters and by bringing new findings in functional and evolutionary approaches to bear on his synthesis of comparative primate data. The Second Edition provides a foundation upon which students can develop an understanding of our primate heritage. It features up to date information gained through academic training, laboratory experience and field research. This beautifully illustrated volume provides a comprehensive introductory text explaining the many aspects of primate biology and human evolution. Key Features: Provides up to date information about many aspects of primate biology and evolution. Contains a completely new chapter on primate communities. Presents totally revised chapters on primate origins, early anthropoids and fossil platyrrhines. Includes an updated glossary, new illustrations and a revised Classification of Order Primates. Succeeds as the best introductory text on primate evolution because it synthesizes and allows access to primary literature. *Wildlife Review*, 1985.

Carnivoran Evolution Anjali Goswami, Anthony Friscia, 2010-07-29 Members of the mammalian clade Carnivora have invaded nearly every continent and ocean, evolving into bamboo eating pandas, clam eating walrus and of course flesh eating sabre toothed cats. With this ecological, morphological and taxonomic diversity and a fossil record spanning over sixty million years, Carnivora has proven to be a model clade for addressing questions of broad evolutionary significance. This volume brings together top international scientists with contributions that focus on current advances in our understanding of carnivoran relationships, ecomorphology and macroevolutionary patterns. Topics range from the palaeoecology of the earliest fossil carnivorans to the influences of competition and constraint on diversity and biogeographic distributions. Several studies address ecomorphological convergences among carnivorans and other mammals with morphometric and Finite Element analyses, while others consider how new molecular and palaeontological data have changed our understanding of carnivoran phylogeny. Combined, these studies also illustrate the diverse suite of approaches and questions in evolutionary biology and palaeontology.

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