

Week Two: Primate Taxonomy

Glossary

Key words and phrases from Week Two

Arboreal – living in the trees

Bipedalism - walking on two feet

Diurnal - active during the day and asleep at night

Invertebrate - animal without a backbone

Nocturnal - asleep during the day and active at night

Prehensile tail - a tail that can grip, hold and manipulate object

Quadrupedalism - walking on all fours; using both fore and hind limbs to walk

Sexual dimorphism - differences between size and shape of the males and females of a species

Taxonomy - the classification of species into groups based on their similarities and differences

Terrestrial - living on the ground

Toothcomb - a natural comb formed from the lower incisors and canines

Vertebrate - animal with a backbone

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