



Western lowland gorilla

Height: 4.5 feet

Gorillas are the largest of the great apes, but the western lowland gorilla is the smallest of the subspecies. Native to the Congo Basin, the western lowland gorilla is a quiet, peaceful, and nonaggressive animal threatened by disease and poaching. Gorillas communicate using auditory signals, visual signals, and odors. They are generally quiet animals but they may also scream, bark, and roar. Scientists have heard up to 22 different gorilla vocalizations, each seeming to have its own meaning.

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