

## Image of the Day: Mustachioed Monkey

**A scientist confirms a new species of patas monkey in Ethiopia.**

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An adult male Blue Nile patas monkey (*Erythrocebus poliophaeus*), Beijing Zoo  
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Primatologist Spartaco Gippoliti confirmed the existence of a second species of the mustache-wearing patas monkey in a study published in *Primate Conservation* last year. Patas monkeys are fast runners, able to reach a speed of 34 miles per hour, and are native to the Blue Nile basin in western Ethiopia and Sudan.

S. Gippoliti, "On the taxonomy of *Erythrocebus* with a re-evaluation of *Erythrocebus poliophaeus* (Reichenbach, 1862) from the Blue Nile region of Sudan and Ethiopia," *Primate Conservation*, 31:53-59, 2017.