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Part 1

The guenons (Tribe Cercopithecini) are amongst the most extraordinary species-rich sets of monkeys. They characterize a moderately contemporary advanced, prevalent, and taxon-rich species with a diverse morphology, actions, and communal association. They similarly have a controversial and complicated nomenclature, with the most current taxonomy listing 4 species, 23 classes, and 55 genera. Besides, Guenon monkeys are nimble, elegant quadrupedal monkeys with short faces, long arms and legs, and no prehensile tails that are longer than their entire body length because of their environment. They are characterized by gallant marks of white or bright colors. Notably, they normally exist in sizeable crowds of a distinct mature male and females together with their young. Guenon monkeys' environments are mainly characterized by arboreal forests (vervet and patas monkeys), although their habitats range widely. These habitats range from mangrove woodlands at sea level (*Miopithecus oogenesis* and northern talapoin monkey), low-land, montane woodlands, and mid-altitude (owl-faced monkeys), bamboo woods (golden monkeys), and alpine moorland (bale mountains grivet monkeys). Their environments also comprise arid and semiarid conditions (vervet, green, and patas monkeys) as well as wetlands (*Preuss's monkey*) (Groves, 2018).

The major environmental characteristic of guenon monkeys is depicted in the video "African monkeys" timestamp 16:35. This shows that guenon monkeys mostly dwell on trees and that forests are their primary habitats. The forests also act as their principal source of food and protection from predators. Additionally, the video timestamp indicates the territorial nature of the monkeys, which in this case are various sections within the forests. Similarly, in the video "reintroducing bonobos of the Congo basin," timestamp 0:09 indicates the monkeys solely thriving in the forests. However, they have fallen victim to illegal hunting and are now

endangered. Likewise, artisan logging in the Congo basin has been destroying the monkeys' habitats rapidly. Therefore, this dictates that guenon monkeys majorly depend on forests as an environmental characteristic for their survival. Lastly, these monkeys use their nimble bodies to rush around the trees while looking for food. Consequently, they spread seeds from fruits and other plants, which enables their natural habitat and environment to continue rejuvenating. This explains the evergreen forests that are evident in both videos

Reference

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