

**Monkey Around at the Helen Brach Primate House**

**What:** Opened in 1927, the Helen Brach Primate House at Lincoln Park Zoo is considered one of the zoo's major landmarks. The stately architecture of the building remains authentically intact, while the eight interior exhibits are larger, more modern and natural than the original design. Vines, trees and murals are used to create naturalistic living space. Each of the exhibits exemplifies a different ecosystem and can house multiple species that would normally be found in the same environment. There is also a large outdoor habitat which gives the white-cheeked gibbons an additional play space during warmer months.

**Size:** 23,700 square feet

**Opened:** 1927; exhibit renovations in 1992

**Featured wildlife:** Geoffrey's Marmoset, Allen's Swamp Monkey, Black Howler Monkey, Black-and-White Colobus, Bolivian Gray Titi, De Brazza's Monkey, Drill, Francois' Langur, Goeldi's Monkey, Pied Tamarin, and White-Cheeked Gibbon.

**Conservation Science Underway at Fisher Center and abroad:**

- **Reproductive Cycling Patterns in Pied Tamarins:** Researchers at the zoo's Davee Center for Epidemiology and Endocrinology are studying the reproductive cycling patterns of pied tamarins. Pied tamarins are considered to be the most endangered Amazonian primate due to habitat loss and the competition from other species. Lincoln Park Zoo is home to one of only a handful of breeding pairs of this species in North America. Researchers are doing everything they can to understand and best conserve this rare species.
- **Species Survival Plans:** Nearly all of the species at the Helen Brach Primate are part of Association of Zoos and Aquarium's Species Survival Plans (SSP) or Population Management Plans (PMP) which coordinate conservation education and field conservation efforts for threatened and endangered species.