



Yucatán Black Howler Monkey (*Alouatta pigra*)

Size: Head and body length, 41.5 - 64 cm; tail, 49.8 - 63 cm **Weight:** 7 - 10 kg **Habitat:** Primary terra firma rain forest, semi-deciduous tropical forest, riparian forest, seasonally flooded riparian areas and swamps, and mature secondary forest **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Born noisemakers. Every day in the early morning and at dusk, Yucatán black howler monkey troops let loose a chorus of loud rumbles, growls and howls; the crescendo can be heard up to two kilometers away. Both males and females use their specialized voice boxes to howl, with males demonstrating their howling prowess to show dominance and ward off interloping males

from other groups. But these decibel-raising denizens of the forest canopy are falling silent in alarming numbers due to deforestation, habitat disturbance and hunting.

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