

# The Monkey That Inspired *The Lorax* Is Losing Its Trees

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1. In what year was the Lorax written? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is Dr. Seuss's real name? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What has the story taught generations of school children?

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4. What does the article argue that inspired the eponymous character of the Lorax? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. When Geisel was suffering writer's block, what did his wife suggest? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How long did it take Geisel to write the Lorax? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who led the study that found the monkey that inspired the Lorax? (What was his name, his job, and where did he work)? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What type of monkey is the Lorax based on? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Where and in what habitats does it live? \_\_\_\_\_

10. List three things this monkey has in common with the Lorax.

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Who is James Highman? What does he do and where does he work? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What did his research do? (Summarize from your reading) \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What is another similarity between The Lorax and these monkeys? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Name, and describe the patas' tree: \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What do the patas like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is happening to their trees? And why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Who is the ecologist studying pantas monkey conservation? And where do they work? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. How badly has the patas monkey range declined? What is happening because of this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. What did Dominy mean when he quoted "Life may be imitating art which was imitating life"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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