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WILDLIFE SERIES
NO. 2

Macaques

Monkeys at your window? They're after food, not you.

1. **Stay calm, back away**
   Keep 5 m. Don't stare or run.

2. **Hide food and plastic bags**
   Grabbed a bag? Let it go.

3. **Close windows and doors**
   Even on high floors.

4. **Call or WhatsApp ESC**
   In common areas, tell the guardhouse.

Monkey indoors?
Don't corner it. Get everyone out, close the door, then call ESC.

Never feed, chase or hit a monkey.

Bitten? See a doctor today.

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GET TO KNOW THEM

Monkeys around us

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2 kinds of monkey live wild here. You'll meet the long-tailed macaque.



Illustration: babies have dark fur



Illustration: high floors don't stop them

Why do they come into the estate?

Food

Fruit trees, open bins, and people feeding them.

Forest nearby

Estates by nature parks see the most visits.

Habit

Find food once, come back with the troop.

Open windows

An easy way in, even high up.

Keep them wild

They spread forest seeds. Keep them wary of people.

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How dangerous is it?

Each animal gets a danger level and a safe distance. Photos are illustrations.

Harmless	Give space	Keep clear	Dangerous
Leave it be	3 m	5 m	10 m or more

Keep clear
May bite or scratch. Keep 5 m.



Long-tailed macaque

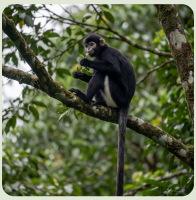


Mother and baby: extra room



Pig-tailed macaque: not native

Harmless
Shy. Leave it be.



Banded langur

Rare and shy. Stays high in forest trees.

Why 5 m?

They bite when cornered, threatened, guarding a baby, or used to being fed. 5 m keeps you out of reach.

Fed monkeys are the bold ones.

They grab bags, enter homes and bite.

Read the signals



ILLUSTRATION: AN OPEN-MOUTH STARE IS A WARNING

Hard stare, raised eyebrows. A warning. Look away.

Mouth open wide. A threat. Back away.

Head bobbing, ground slapping, lunging. Give it more room.

Wide grin. It's scared, not smiling.

If a monkey comes at you

1. **Don't run** or turn your back.
2. **Look away.**
3. **Let go** of any bag or food.
4. **Back away** slowly.

STAY CALM

Met a monkey? What to do

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Outdoors

1. **Stay calm.** Keep 5 m.
2. **Don't stare or run.** Walk away slowly.
3. **Hide food and bags.** Grabbed? Let go.
4. **Keep children close,** dogs on a short lead.

Indoors

1. **Don't corner it** or block its way out.
2. **Get everyone out,** pets too. Close the door.
3. **Don't chase it** or take back food.
4. **Call or WhatsApp ESC.**

5 m one car length

0 food or bags in sight

Never

- ✕ Feed it or leave food out
- ✕ Chase, corner, hit or throw things
- ✕ Go close for a photo

Keep monkeys out

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No food, no visits.

At home

- Close windows when you go out
- Mesh or grilles on the forest side
- No food or offerings by windows or on the balcony
- Knot rubbish; close the chute hopper
- Pet food indoors

Around the estate

- Monkey-proof bin lids; bin centre doors shut
- Pick ripe fruit on estate trees
- Clear BBQ pits after use

Fitting mesh or grilles?

You may. Check your estate's guidelines first.

Please don't feed them

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How feeding turns into trouble

1. **A monkey gets food** from a person, bin or balcony.
2. **It comes back** with the troop.
3. **It loses its fear** and enters homes.
4. **It grabs, threatens and bites.**



ILLUSTRATION: FED MONKEYS LEARN BAGS MEAN FOOD

Feeding wildlife is an offence.

Please don't. Ask helpers and visitors not to.

The visit ends when the food does.

The forest has all they need.

The monkey you'll meet



KEEP CLEAR

Long-tailed macaque

Macaca fascicularis · crab-eating macaque

Danger	Bites if cornered or fed
Size	Body about 45 cm, longer tail
Where	Forest edges, parks, nearby estates

Spot it: grey-brown, grey whiskers, pale eyelids, long tail.

Note: troops average about 24 monkeys.



KEEP CLEAR

Mothers and babies

Give them extra room

Babies	Black fur, pink face
Carried	On mum's belly for months
Danger	The troop defends babies

Spot it: a small dark baby clinging under its mother.

Note: never go near a baby. Mum is close by.

Other monkeys you might see



KEEP CLEAR

Southern pig-tailed macaque

Macaca nemestrina · not native here

Danger Big; bites if cornered

Size Heavier than a long-tailed macaque

Where Escaped pets only

Spot it: short tail curled up like a pig's, dark cap on the head.

Note: seen one? Keep 5 m, call ESC.



HARMLESS

Raffles' banded langur

Presbytis femoralis · about 80 left

Danger Shy; avoids people

Size Slim, very long tail

Where High in central forest trees

Spot it: black, white belly stripe, pale eye-rings.

Note: its babies are born white.

Children, helpers and pets

Children

- Walk away calmly. Don't tease
- No snacks outdoors near monkeys
- Tell an adult or the guardhouse

Helpers

- Close kitchen windows before cooking
- Carry groceries in a closed bag
- Knot rubbish bags

Pets

- Dogs on a short lead; no chasing
- Feed pets indoors



ILLUSTRATION: CLOSE WINDOWS BEFORE UNPACKING FOOD

Estate staff

Keep back, note where the troop goes, tell management, call ESC.

If someone is bitten

Wash it, see a doctor today

DO

- Wash with soap and running water, 15 minutes or more
- Cover with a clean dressing
- See a doctor today; say it was a monkey
- Heavy bleeding? Press firmly, call 995

DON'T

- Ignore a small bite or scratch
- Try to catch or hit the monkey

Monkey myths

MYTH **"High floors are safe."** One reached a 15th-floor condo balcony.

MYTH **"A grinning monkey is friendly."** A grin means it's scared.

MYTH **"Feeding them is kind."** Fed monkeys lose their fear and get into trouble.

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Keep watch.
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