

[Open Peer Review on Qeios](#)

Callithrix jacchus

National Cancer Institute

Source

National Cancer Institute. *Callithrix jacchus*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C77115.

The common marmoset, *Callithrix jacchus*, is a small primate characterized by a hairless face with a white mark on the forehead and is covered in grey fur with white tufts of hair surrounding its ears. This primate has a life span of 10 years in the wild and 16 years in captivity. The marmoset has claws instead of nails and walks on all four legs. Fully mature 20-24 month old females typically give birth to twins after a 150 day gestational period. The marmoset is genetically similar to humans and is a useful model for studying human diseases such as Lassa fever, multiple sclerosis, and viral infections.