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# Breakfast Time

In a tall tree, a black-handed spider monkey spots some fruit.

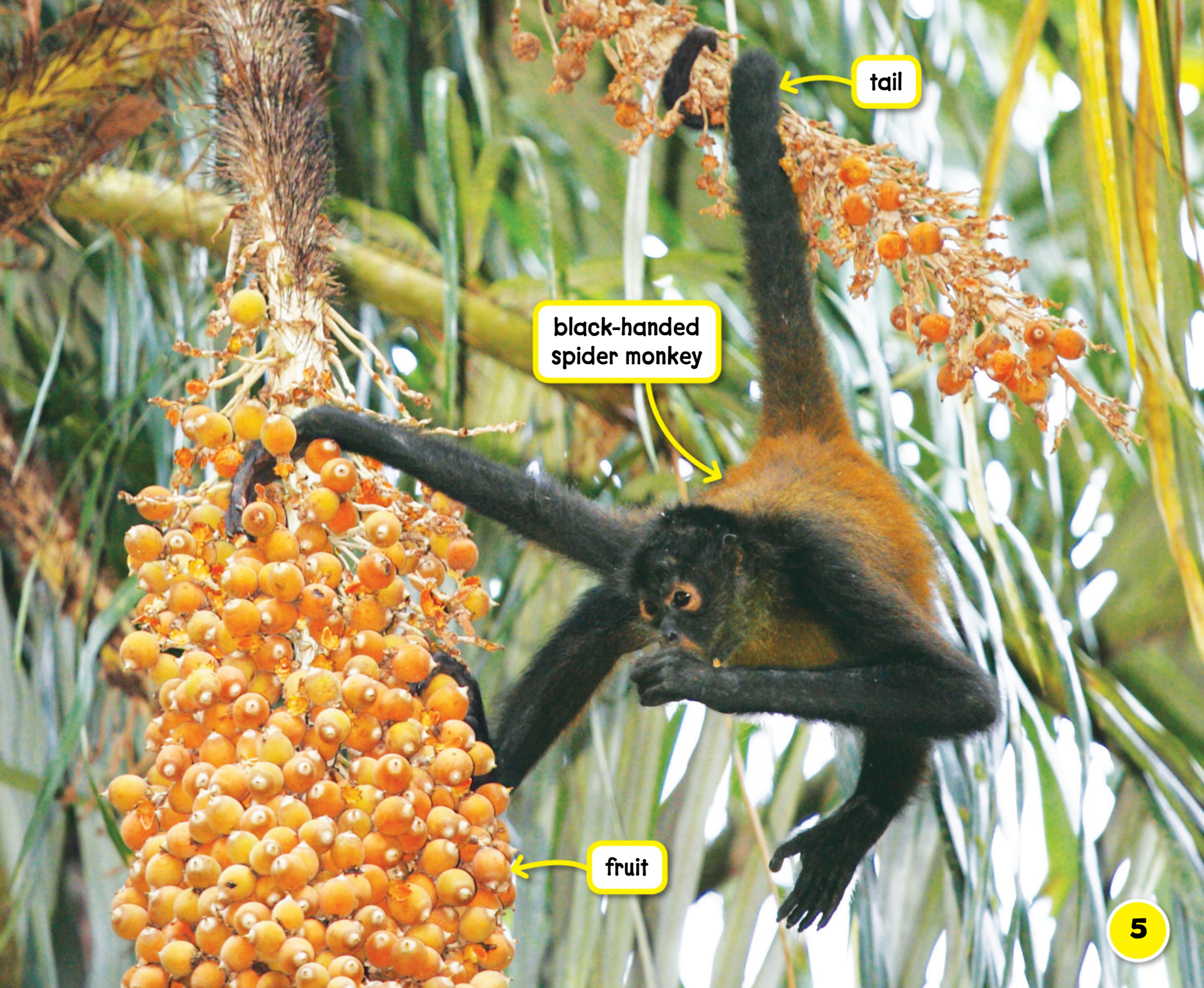
The juicy food is just out of reach, however.

To grab it, the hungry monkey wraps its long tail around a branch.

Dangling from the tree, it picks the tasty fruit with its hands.

Then the monkey eats its breakfast high above the ground.

There are several types of spider monkeys, including black-handed spider monkeys. Each kind sleeps, finds food, and raises its babies in trees.



tail

black-handed  
spider monkey

fruit

# A Treetop Life

Spider monkeys live in **rain forests**, where it's warm and rainy.

They spend all their time in the highest branches of the tallest trees.

The monkeys live in groups called **communities**.

The members of a community include adults, young monkeys, and babies.

How do you think spider monkeys got their name?



A photograph of two black-handed spider monkeys in a lush green forest. The monkey on the left is perched on a branch, looking towards the right. The monkey on the right is also on a branch, holding a piece of fruit in its mouth. Both monkeys have black faces and limbs, with reddish-brown fur on their bodies. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

Black-handed  
spider monkeys  
live in groups  
that have about  
20 to 40  
members.

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# Spider Monkey

In a rain forest tree, a furry monkey hangs by its tail from a branch. Seconds later, it uses its long arms and tail to swing to a nearby tree. The acrobatic tree dweller is a spider monkey, and it is searching for food high above the ground. Look inside to discover more about the leafy world of spider monkeys and their treetop homes.

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