



A white-handed gibbon mum calls out as she cuddles her baby

# Yoo hoo!

## Scientists crack the code of gibbon communication...



A family of five **white-handed gibbons** crouches on the limbs of a tree, reaching out with their extra-long arms to pluck juicy figs hanging from branches above. The apes let loose a series of **calls** as they eat. Suddenly one of the gibbons lowers the volume of its voice and calls out in an urgent whisper. It has spotted a dangerous predator, a **crested serpent eagle**. These birds sometimes swoop down from the sky, snatching up gibbons in their talons.

Hearing the soft alert, the animals climb to a lower branch and huddle together. They remain as quiet as possible. The eagle flies over the family without stopping. Thanks to the **early warning**, the apes remain undetected. Phew!



A gibbon munches on fruit



Gibbons don't have tails to help them balance. Instead they hold out their arms like tightrope walkers!

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