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BEHAVIOR AND INTELLIGENCE OF NEW-WORLD MONKEYS

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New-World monkeys diverged from the human lineage more than 35 million years ago and have adapted to a range of unique habitats in South and Central America. Some species like capuchin monkeys are highly skilled not only in the physical domain, as exemplified by tool use, but also are extremely good at handling social problems. Some, like marmosets, are good imitators of conspecifics. Spider monkeys are reported to be good at handling feeding competition by employing tactical social skills. This symposium brings together recent developments on these species' behavior and intelligence and discusses the significance of this topic for the understanding of cognition in terms of phylogeny, sociology and ecology.

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