French Guiana Native Species

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French Guiana is a South American country with many plants and animals. There are thousands of different species of mammals, amphibians, and fish, all of them different colors, shapes and sizes. Yet trough the thousands of choices of animals and plants I chose the white faced saki monkey and the apocynaceae.

 The white faced saki monkey is also known as the pithecia pithecia. They are omnivores and eat bugs, plants and small vertebras. They’re fur is black, grey, or reddish brown depending on its type. Females have brown fur with white stripes against their nose, were as males have a white face and no color around there nose. They also have bushy tails in which they are known for. Their height ranges from30 to 50 centimeters tall. They weigh up to 3 kilograms (6.61 lbs.) Also they have very strong legs to help them jump. Saki monkeys are not harmful to humans. Sakis live in Bolivia, French Guiana, and basically from Peru to Bolivia. A more specific location is in the tropical rain forests in the primary and secondary levels of the forest. They spend most of their time in trees so they are rarely spotted on land. Sakis live in “family federations” which is like wolfs are to packs. Females mate when they are fertile and there is no specific mating season.

 Next is the Alyxia oliviformis. It is a part of the “dogbane family.” It is also known as the maile. The meaning of the word is “chain resembling olive.”