Big Males; Small Females

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Male orangutans are much larger than females.

Males much larger than females in australopithecines, chimp. *habilis* unreliable.
Sexual Dimorphism: Summary

- Small primates: males and females are same size.
- Also true of large monogamous primates.
- Large polygynous primates: males > females.
- Humans: males > females.
- Humans are like large polygynous primates.
- Australopithecines: males ≫ females.
- *Homo ergaster*: modern level of dimorphism