



Learn about Fossa!

Fossa, pronounced foo-sah, are the largest predator endemic to the island of Madagascar. They are found nowhere else in the world! Fossa have features that are similar to both cats and dogs, but they are most closely related to mongoose.

Lemur Hunters

Fossa are tree climbing specialists. They have to be to catch their favorite food, lemurs!

Fossa have retractable claws to help climb, a long tail for balance, and they have extra flexible ankles that let them climb down trees head first!



The Little Rock Zoo supports the conservation efforts of the Fossa Species Survival Plan, helping to conserve these vulnerable animals in zoos and in the wild.

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/f/fossa/>

<https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/00000144-0a3f-d3cb-a96c-7b3f8c3a0000>

Other:

Fossa: the King of Madagascar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hv9VOY2H61Y>

Saving Madagascar's largest carnivorous mammal: the fossa: <https://news.mongabay.com/2011/02/saving-madagascars-largest-carnivorous-mammal-the-fossa/>

San Diego Zoo Kids: <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/fossa>

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Leaping Lemurs!

The favorite food of the Fossa are lemurs! There are over 100 species of lemur that are only found on the island of Madagascar, just like the Fossa!

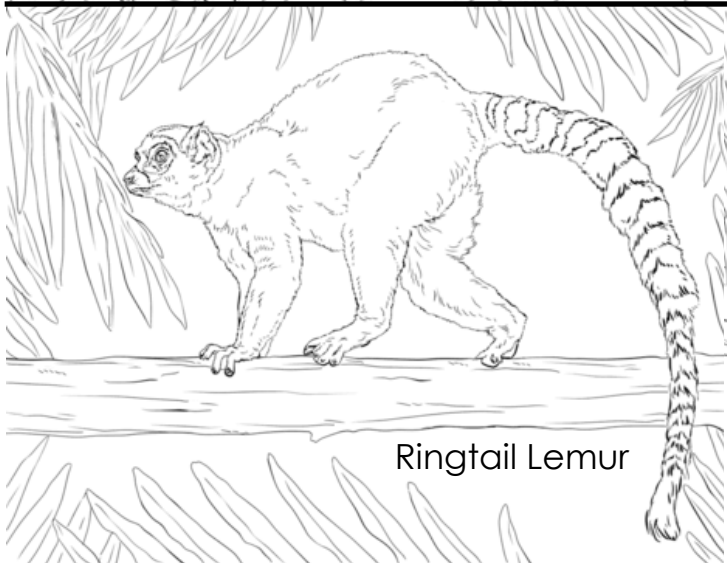
Lemurs are primates, relatives of monkeys.



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Eastern Bamboo Lemur



Ringtail Lemur



Black and White Ruffed Lemur