

Species Fact Sheet



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Ring Tailed Lemur

Lemuridae Lemur catta



Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Dry woodland areas

Range: The island of Madagascar

Activity Cycle: Diurnal— active during the day

Size: Height: up to 1.5 feet, Tail Length: up to 2 feet
Weight: 6-7 lbs with females usually smaller

Social Structure: Live in groups ranging from 5-50. Females are dominant, giving them first choice of food and who to mate with. Social bonds are reinforced by grooming, and they use their tooth comb (6 teeth that stick out from the lower jaw).

Distinguishing Features: Their long tail is ringed with 13 alternating black and white bands. They use this tail for communication with their group as well as enemies. They have binocular forward vision, but must turn their head to see in front of them. Their eyes have limited movement in the socket.

Diet: Leaves, fruits, berries, bird eggs, small mammals, and insects

Life Span: 20-27 years in captivity

Did you know?

Ring tailed lemurs do most of their traveling on the ground, compared to other lemurs who are arboreal.