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Animal Fact Sheet

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Aye-aye

Daubentonia madagascariensis

The aye-aye is a lemur that hunts like a woodpecker, and it has assembled a toolkit no other primate has. It taps rapidly along a branch with a specialised, skeletal middle finger, listens to the ret…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Daubentoniidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10–23 years
Weight: 2–2.8 kg
Scientific name: Daubentonia madagascariensis

Did you know?

- Some local legends in Madagascar consider the aye-aye an omen of bad luck, leading to it being persecuted in some areas.
- It finds grubs by tapping wood and listening to the echo with huge ears — a kind of knocking echolocation found in no other primate. Its ever-growing…

What I learned

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