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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sifaka

Propithecus verreauxi

Sifakas (genus Propithecus) are large Madagascan lemurs built entirely around vertical clinging and leaping. Their hindlimbs are far longer and more powerfully muscled than the arms, and a sifaka can…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Indriidae
Habitat: Dry deciduous forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 18-25 years
Weight: 3-6 kg
Scientific name: Propithecus verreauxi

Did you know?

- The word 'sifaka' comes from the animal's distinctive 'shi-fak' alarm call.
- A sifaka can leap around 10 metres between trunks and land facing forward, having rotated in mid-flight. Their legs are so specialised that they cann…

What I learned

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