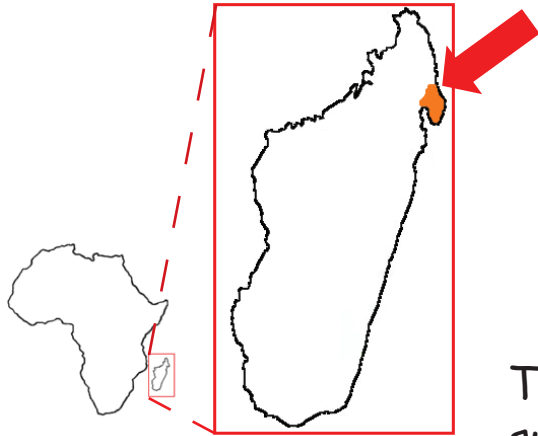


# RED-RUFFED LEMUR

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*Varecia rubra*



In 2013 the red ruffed lemur was listed as one of the top 25 rarest primates in the world!



There are two sub-species of ruffed lemur, the black and white ruffed (*Varecia variegata variegata*), and the red ruffed - (*Varecia variegata rubra*).

Ruffed lemurs are one of the biggest species of lemur, measuring just over a metre from nose to tail.



Ruffed lemurs are the only primates with litters of young, the female may give birth to up to six babies, which are deposited in a nest, not carried around like other species!

FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	North-east Madagascar
Habitat	Rainforest
Diet	Mainly fruit, supplemented with leaves and shoots.
Average body length	50-55cm + 60cm tail
Average weight	3.5-4 kg
Gestation	100-105 days
Average lifespan	25-30 years

Red-ruffed lemurs have a fixed breeding season which takes place towards the end of the dry season (May to July). This is so the young can be born in the wet season when more food is available.

**UPGRADED 2012**  
(Previously Endangered)

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Red Ruffed Lemur



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