

# RED RUFFED LEMUR

## VARECIA RUBRA

### LOCATION

- Experienced Isolation on Madagascar
- Resides in rainforest canopy of Eastern Madagascar

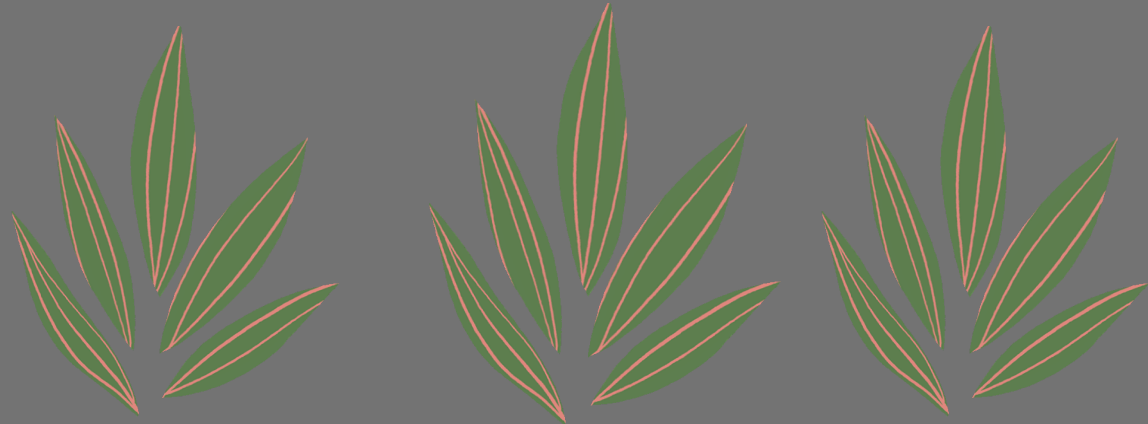


### BIRTH

- Live Birth
- Placental Mammals
- 102 day Gestation period
- Infants not developed at birth

### LOCOMOTION

- Scansorial locomotion- climb and swing from trees
- Tail aids in balance, strong feet, digitigrade, coordination, joint mobility, eyes front facing



### FEEDING

- Feeds on fruit and nectar
- Easy to digest food for rapid gut passage

### ADAPTATIONS

- Toothcomb- for efficient grooming
- Thick fur- Insulation for rainy and cold weather



### SOCIALITY AND MATING

- Groups comprised of 18-31 individuals
- Groups are female dominated
- Males compete for females
- Allopatric care and communal nursing
- Polyestrous mating systems
- Males compete for females

### COMMUNICATION

- Loud predator specific calls- differentiate between aerial and terrestrial
- Location calls between individuals within a group
- Scent marking to find mates and other group members



### CLASSIFICATION

**Order:** Primates  
**Family:** Lemnridae  
**Genus:** Varecia  
**Species:** Varecia rubra