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Ring-Tailed lemur

I chose to write about ring-tailed lemur because I am amazed that these

animals have exceptional flexibility. Ring-tailed lemurs also can tolerate hot and cold temperatures. I enjoy watching these monkeys at the zoo because they are extremely active and acrobatic.

Ring-tailed lemurs are found on the island of Madagascar. You can find them in deciduous forests, arid bush forests, and rock canyons. They are capable of living in all these places because they can tolerate extreme habitats and huge temperature ranges.

These monkeys mainly eat fruits. Figs are one of their favorites. They also eat flowers, leaves, tree bark, tree sap, large insects, and chameleons. They supplement their diet by eating dirt. The dirt gives them sodium like salt gives humans sodium. Their diet may vary depending on where they live and what season it is.

Ring-tailed lemurs are active during the day. Most of their time is spent foraging on the ground. These monkeys usually walk on all fours. They are capable of leaping from tree to tree. Their long leathery palms have grooves that help them grip. Their tails can't grip but are used for balance and communication. When they sleep, they curl up with their tail over their nose between their legs.

I chose to write about ring-tailed lemurs because I think they are incredible creatures. I admire their amazing flexible bodies. Plus they are highly active. These animals are important to the environment because they are an endangered species.

"Ring-Tailed Lemurs." New England Primate Conservatory, 2016,

<https://www.neprimateconservancy.org/ring-tailed-lemur.html>