

# Ring-Tailed Lemur

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## Verse 1

In the Madagascan forest something caught my eye,  
An animal that I could not identify.  
All I could see was its tail held high,  
Beckoning to me.  
It was bushy like the tail of a big racoon,  
But longer than the tail of a kangaroo.  
There were black and white rings all around it too,  
Whose tail could it be?

Black and white stripes, bushy and large,  
That tail is not for camouflage!

## Chorus

It's the tail of the ring-tailed lemur,  
A striking tail no doubt.  
It's beautiful to look at but,  
It also helps the lemur out.

## Verse 2

The stripy tails are signposts that help lemurs see,  
Other lemurs in their troop as they roam free.  
They help them balance as they jump from tree to tree,  
Moving quickly across.  
And when the male lemurs have a quarrel well,  
They rub tails on their scent glands till they really smell.  
Then they wave their tails in the air and yell,  
To show the other lemur who's boss!



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Black and white stripes, bushy and large,  
The lemur's tail puts him in charge!

### Chorus

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