

# ESCAPING EXTINCTION

STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK



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#### LEMUR CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

We are dedicated to the preservation and conservation of the primates of Madagascar through...



Managed Breeding



Education



Scientific Research



Art

#### **VIRTUAL VISIT**

Dive into our interactive 360° tour to learn more about LCF's work both in Florida and Madagascar.

After taking the tour, work with friends and family to complete this activity book.

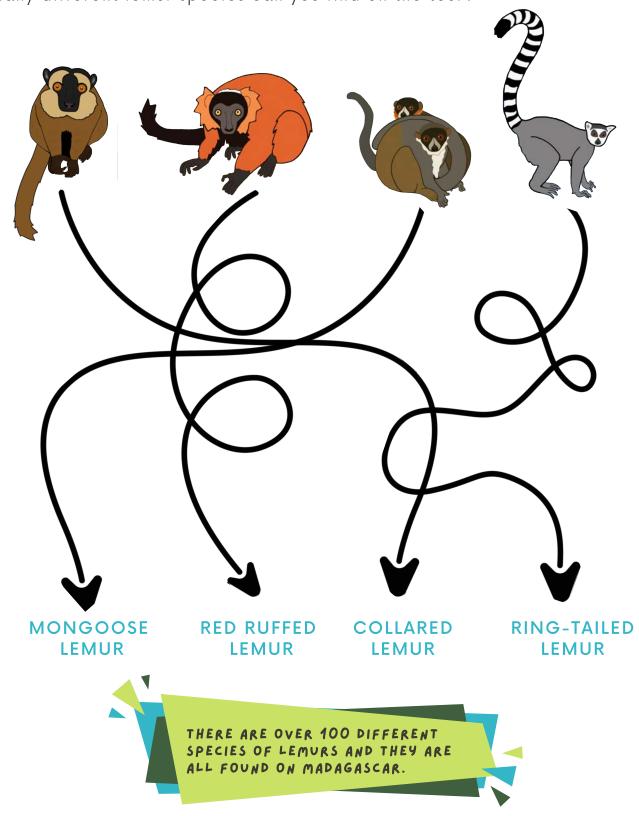
Visit our website to get started.





# WHICH ONE IS WHICH?

Use your finger to follow the line and identify each lemur species. How many different lemur species can you find on the tour?





## **LEMUR LINGO**

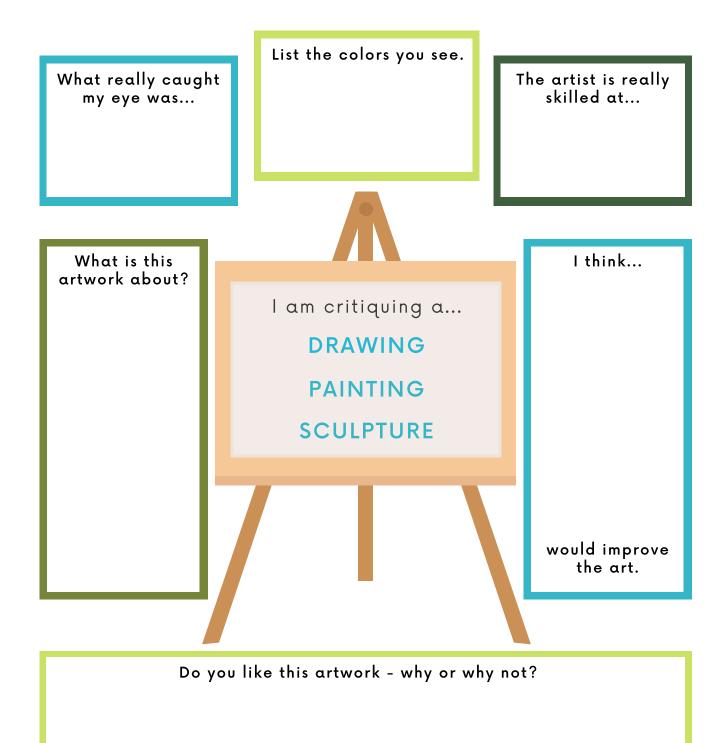
Listen carefully for these wild words on your tour. Can you match each word to its picture and definition? Try using a dictionary if you get stuck.

conserve 2 A	
agriculture	
social	3
seed disperser	
canopy	5
geophagy	
naturalist	7
ecotourism	
A to protect animals and nature	B vacation in nature to watch wildlife
C farming	D highest tree branches in a forest
E eating dirt or soil	F expert who studies plants or animals
G someone who scatters seeds	H enjoys hanging out with friends & family



# **ART CRITIQUE**

Observe the artwork displayed at the Lemur Conservation Foundation. Select one piece of art to describe and analyze.





## **BEHAVIOR**

Ethologists are scientists who study animal behavior. A behavior is any action an animal does like eating, running, or playing.

Read the definition of each behavior below, and see if you can label the pictures with the correct behavior.

sitting still with eyes open or closed rest walk/run using hands and feet to move on flat surface chewing food or swallowing water eat/drink uses teeth and tongue to clean itself or others groom moving along tree branches, ropes, or fence climb searching for food by sniffing forage rubbing glands near tail, arm, or wrist on a surface scent mark leaping and wrestling with another animal play

















## BECOME AN ETHOLOGIST

Be on the lookout for a ring-tailed lemur to study, and pick one to watch closely.

As you see the lemur do one of the things listed to the side, make a tally mark next to that behavior. This is called an ethogram.

Did the lemur do something not on the list?

Write down any other behaviors you see in the blank spaces at the bottom.





RECORDING BEHAVIOR IS HARDER THAN IT LOOKS!
YOU MIGHT NEED TO WATCH SEVERAL TIMES.





## IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Some animals, like lemurs, need our help! Read below to learn more about the differences between LEAST CONCERN, ENDANGERED, and EXTINCT.

Can you tell which animal is which on the next page?



## LEAST CONCERN

This means there are plenty of animals alive and well on the planet.

We want all animals to be least concern.



### **ENDANGERED**

Uh oh! When an animal is endangered, that means there are only a few left, and they need our help to survive.



### **EXTINCT**

Sometimes animals used to roam the planet but not any more. If you can no longer find an animal on Earth, then it is extinct.

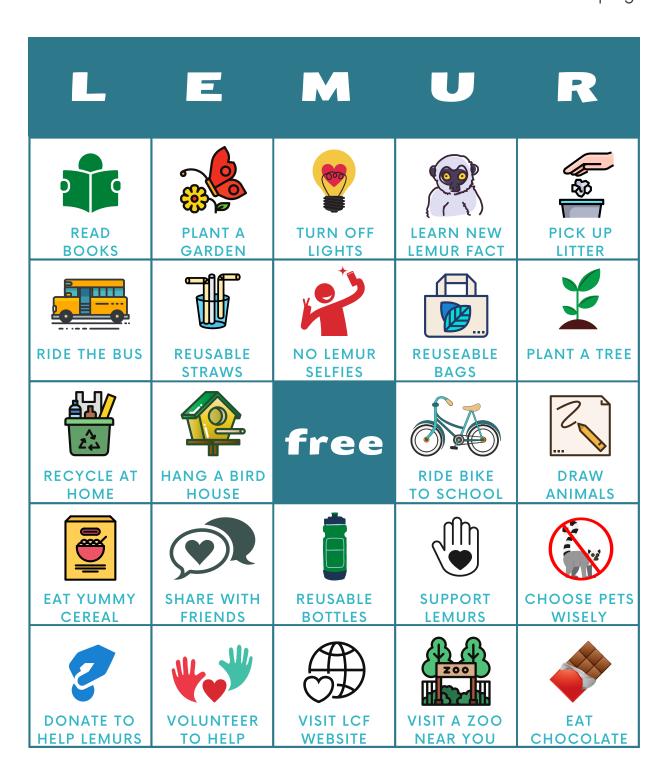
Circle LEAST CONCERN (  $\checkmark$  ), ENDANGERED (!), or EXTINCT ( X ) for each animal below. Try using the IUCN Red List online if you're not sure.





#### TAKE ACTION TO SAVE WILDLIFE

Complete an entire line (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) to win. Try to finish the full bingo sheet to become a **SUPER** wildlife hero! Learn more about each wildlife hero action on the next few pages.



#### WILDLIFE HERO ACTIONS

Every time you complete one of these actions to help lemurs and other wildlife, record it on your bingo sheet.



#### **RECYCLE AT HOME**

Remember to recycle glass, plastic, aluminum, and paper at home.



#### **REUSABLE BAGS**

Bring reusable canvas bags when shopping instead of paper or plastic.



#### **EAT YUMMY CEREAL**

Eating Nature's Path EnviroKidz Leapin' Lemurs cereal helps support LCF.



#### **READ BOOKS**

Read a book about lemurs and other wildlife like 'The Ako Series' by Alison Jolly.



#### VISIT A ZOO NEAR YOU

Find an accredited zoo to visit, and learn what they are doing to help lemurs.



#### **CHOOSE PETS WISELY**

Lemurs are wild animals and they never make appropriate pets.



#### TURN OFF LIGHTS

Conserve energy and electricity by turning off lights when not in use.



#### PLANT A GARDEN

Plant a butterfly garden or wildlife garden at school or at your own home.



#### SUPPORT LEMURS

You can support lemurs by symbolically adopting a species on LCF's website.



#### **DONATE TO HELP LEMURS**

Raise money in your community to help lemurs survive in the wild.



#### RIDE BIKE TO SCHOOL

Riding your bike to school instead of riding in a car helps save energy.



#### LEARN NEW LEMUR FACT

There are over 100 different kinds of lemurs to learn about and love.

#### WILDLIFE HERO ACTIONS

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#### PICK UP LITTER

Pick up trash and litter around your school and neighborhood.



#### HANG A BIRD HOUSE

Add a bird house or a bird bath to your backyard to encourage wildlife to visit.



#### **DRAW ANIMALS**

Spend a morning watching wildlife outside and draw your observations.



#### RIDE THE BUS

Instead of asking your family for a ride to school, take the bus or carpool.



#### EAT CHOCOLATE

Look at the ingredients for chocolate or vanilla that was grown in Madagascar.



#### **VISIT LCF WEBSITE**

Visit lemurreserve.org for free kids activities, cool pictures, and fun facts.



#### NO LEMUR SELFIES

Never pay to hold or touch a lemur. Only take pictures from a safe distance.



#### **PLANT A TREE**

Plant a seed and watch it grow into a healthy habitat for your local wildlife.



#### **VOLUNTEER TO HELP**

Ask how you can volunteer to help lemurs and other animals at your local zoo.



#### **REUSEABLE STRAWS**

Reduce single use plastics to protect the ocean and animals that live there.



#### **REUSABLE BOTTLES**

Bring your own water bottle to reuse instead of buying plastic bottled water.



#### SHARE WITH FRIENDS

Tell your friends and family why lemurs are important and need help.



## **ANSWER KEY**

Page 2 - Which one is which?









Page 5 - Behavior









play

climb

walk/run scent mark









groom

rest

eat/drink

forage

Page 3 - Lemur Lingo

- conserve
- 2 Α

7

- agriculture
- C

- social
- 6 Н
- seed disperser
- 8 G
- canopy
- 1 D
- geophagy
- 4 Ε
- naturalist
- 5 F
- ecotourism
- 3 В

Page 8 - It's not too late



















RACCOON





MAMMOTH





