



BOWDLEFLODE NEWS 4th Edition 2018

Welcome.

With every Bowdleflode News we bring you interesting facts about Bowdleflodeland and Planet Earth's Endangered Species.

Seriously worrying news in August 2018 that **LEMURS** are reported as one of the most endangered species in the world today. 95% of all lemur species could disappear from earth if Madagascar doesn't take action now.



One positive project for Lemurs being undertaken concerns a wildlife park which is close-by to some of the schools who have already submitted drawings of their fantasy animals to our Bowdleflode website.

It is at **LONGLEAT** where there is a wonderful collection of Lemurs.

Longleat Safari and Adventure Park in Wiltshire is home to Lions, Tigers, Giraffes, Monkeys, Meerkats, Zebra, and lots of cheeky Lemurs.

You will find Longleat between Bath and Salisbury in Wiltshire off the A36 on the A362 Warminster - Frome road.

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LEMURS AT LONGLEAT

A rescued ring tailed lemur gave birth to twins at Longleat Safari back in 2014 and they enjoyed a spot of sunbathing with mum Hasina.



Hasina and dad Julien are part of a troop of the playful Madagascan primates which live in a walkthrough enclosure at this important Wiltshire Safari Park, such facilities are essential to prevent extinction.

Both their parents were rescued as youngsters from unsuitable living conditions but sadly still bear the scars of their ill treatment – Hasina has some of her fingertips missing and Julien has half a tail.

The name lemur itself derives from the Latin word 'lemures' which means ghost and probably came from their nocturnal habits, ghost-like appearance and mournful-sounding cries. Ring-tailed lemurs are seriously at risk in the wild due to a combination of habitat loss, degradation and hunting. It is very serious in their native homeland.

This unique group of primates are found **only** in Madagascar, and now they are thought to be the most threatened mammal group on Earth. Of the 101 lemur species, 22 are critically endangered, 48 are endangered and 20 are vulnerable, according to the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List of Threatened Species.

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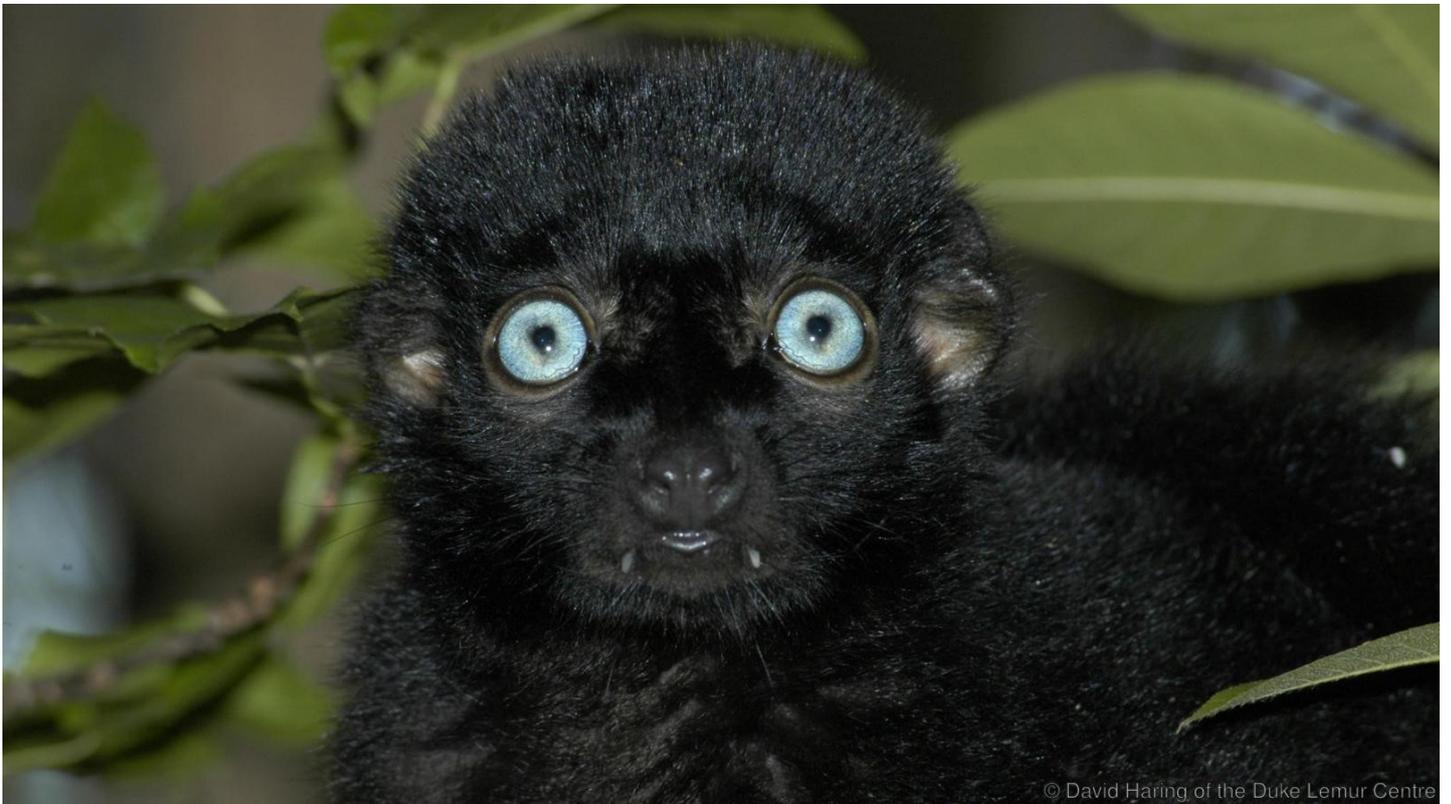
Hasina is a very laid back experienced mum They love sunshine and often face the sun sitting in what is described as a sun-worshipping posture. Sunning is often a group activity, particularly during the cold mornings and at night, they make sleeping parties, huddling closely together to keep warm. Longleat's spacious Lemur Walkthrough enclosure is home to both ring tailed and brown lemurs and features extensive rope-swings and wooden walkways which provide the lemurs with the perfect opportunity to demonstrate their extraordinary agility and climbing skills.

Visiting LONGLEAT is a must if you want to see a beautifully kept park caring for a wonderful collection of wild animals in the best possible conditions.



In Bowdlefloeland we aim to breed all sorts of amazing species so join us and put your own fantasy animal into the Online Bowdlefloede Zoo and help us concentrate minds on the fate of Endangered Species on Planet Earth.

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And some good news is that the blue-eyed black lemur is about to be taken off the IUCN world's 25 most endangered primates list. This is the only mammal with Blue Eyes other than mankind.

Nocturnal brown mouse-lemurs make their nests in tree hollows and among leaves to sleep in the daytime.

