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AWESOME

Aye-Ayes!



A close-up photograph of an aye-aye, a nocturnal primate, clinging to a tree branch. The animal's long, thin tail is visible, extending downwards. Its dark, shaggy fur contrasts with the lighter-colored bark of the branch. The background is filled with green foliage.

TWITCH! Huge ears perk up above big, staring eyes. ***WHOOSH!*** A bushy tail swishes by. This crazy creature is an aye-aye. Aye-ayes are awesome!

AN AYE-AYE'S TAIL IS
LONGER THAN ITS BODY.

What Is It?

The aye-aye was a mystery when it was first discovered deep in the forests of Madagascar. Scientists had never seen an animal with a furry tail like a fox, big ears like a bat, and large front teeth. What was it? It took over 50 years for scientists to learn that the aye-aye is a kind of **lemur**. Lemurs are a kind of **primate**.



A ring-tailed
lemur



**AT FIRST, SCIENTISTS
THOUGHT THE AYE-AYE
WAS A KIND OF SQUIRREL.**