



# Let's start from the tail

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Happy tails... "aristocratic"... tails..."friendly" tails... long, soft and hairy tails... "pachydermic" tails... fluffy tails... conceited tails... dangerous tails... and also some kind of... yucky tails!! Oh yes, no doubt about it, today we're talking about tails, that funny looking part that we often consider useless and annoying, but which actually is, as we shall see, a precious thing for many animals.

In kangaroos, the tail is very well developed and has multiple functions.

In birds, the tail supports the long flight feathers. But the tail is not only useful for flying: the modified feathers of the tail play an important role during displays of courtship.

In almost every arboreal species the tail is long and prehensile, as if it were a fifth hand which helps the monkey climb and hold on during its spectacular aerial exhibitions.

Sometimes, the tail is used like a signal flag to communicate hierarchies within the community or the moods of single individuals.

In wolves, the position of the tail communicates its rank or status within the community

Down on the sea floor, there is someone who uses its tail like a true underwater engine, breaking all records in the water: the shark. On the other hand, we can see the sea-horse, probably the slowest fish of all, using his tail as an anchor.



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