

## AFRICA ...

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or more than 50 years, AWF has been working to ensure Africa's wildlife, people, and wild lands can not only coexist, but also thrive. As we enter 2013, AWF looks to make this year more successful than ever.

Today's Africa is a diverse, vibrant continent that is rapidly experiencing change and development—and in the process experiencing a number of conservation challenges. Some species now face extinction due to human encroachment and poaching, once-rich ecosystems habitats are depleting, and communities that live alongside wildlife often experience conflicts with said wildlife.

AWF sees these as unique opportunities to strengthen our impact on continent-wide

conservation, and with your help, we will be able to continue making great strides in saving the many magnificent species of this unique continent.

Thank you for your continued support of AWF and of Africa's wildlife and wild lands.

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Despite its length, the giraffe's neck has only 7 vertebrae, the same number as humans. Learn more about giraffes in the March spread

#### **BABOONS**

Baboons use over 30 vocalizations, ranging from grunts to barks to screams. Check out July for more on baboons

#### MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

The most endangered of the gorilla subspecies, fewer than 800 mountain gorillas remain in the wild. Learn more about this species in January.

### **ELEPHANTS**

Although the overall elephant population is half of what it was 40 years ago, some regions of Africa have more elephants than it can support. Learn about elephants in May.

### CHEETAH

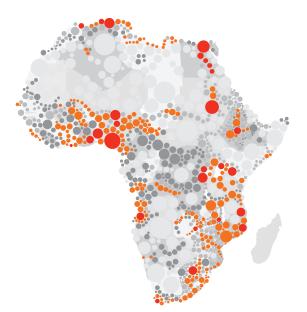
When a cheetah runs, all four legs are off the ground most of the time—at top speed, it is virtually flying. Learn more about the creatures in February

#### LION

Most lions drink water daily if available, but can go 4 or 5 days without it. Check out April to learn more about lions.

### **RHINOS**

Rhino poaching in Africa has reached crisis levels, with almost 2 rhinos poached every day. Learn what AWF is doing to save the rhino in December.



#### **HUMAN POPULATION**

AWF has always understood that Africa's greatest resource is its people. As population expands, AWF looks to work with communities to improve the livelihoods of Africa's people while conserving wildlife and its natural habitat. As the population surpasses 1 billion, careful land and natural resource management is crucial to the coexistence of people, wildlife, and land



#### **BIOMASS DIVERSITY**

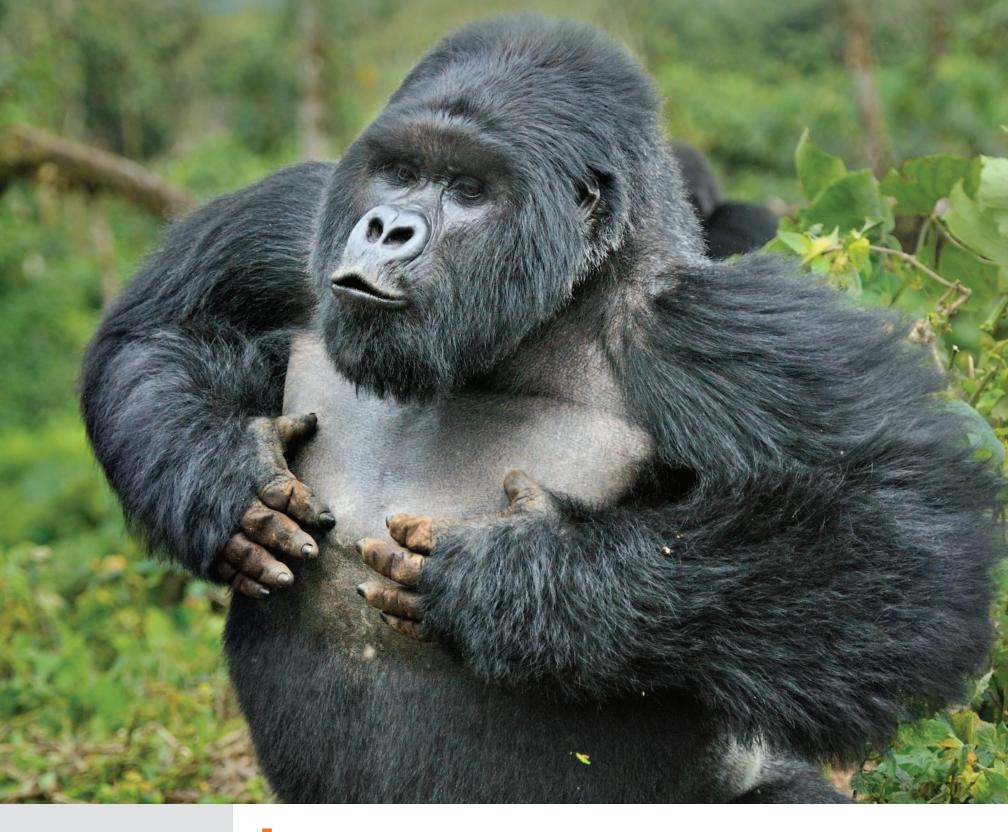
As human population expands to previously uninhabited lands, we must learn how to balance economic development with wildlife and wild lands. AWF aims to reduce human—wildlife conflict, which occurs when large populations of species and humans live in the same area and compete for resources.

Human population is rapidly growing while biodiversity is depleting throughout Africa.

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Mountain Gorilla Gorilla beringei

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Size Weight Life span

Habitat

Up to 6 feet tall 215 to 350 pounds 40 to 50 years

Dense forests, rainforests

### AT A GLANCE

The mountain gorilla has a robust build with long, muscular arms and broad hands and feet. Though massive in size, these great apes are gentle and shy. Dominant adult males, known as silverbacks due to their silvery gray hairs, decide when and where to forage, rest, and sleep, and arbitrate disputes among family members. A little hair pulling was all it took to settle this playful dispute between two young gorillas in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park.

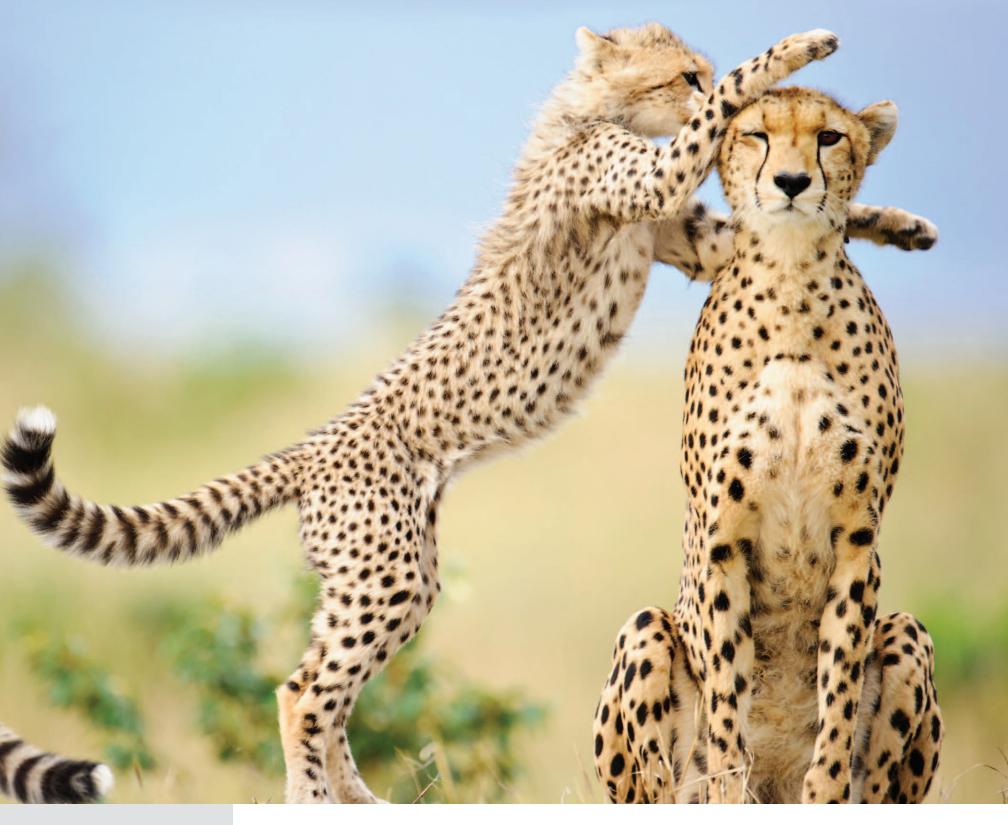
**HOW AWF IS HELPING**AWF's efforts to save the world's most endangered great ape include fostering transboundary cooperation among three countries, working with communities near gorilla habitat to improve people's livelihoods, and training park rangers to prevent poaching. Our work has helped bring the world's total mountain gorilla population up to approximately 786 individuals.

## January



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20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23 Mawlid al-Nabi	24	25	26
27 FULL MOON	28	29	30	31		

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Cheetah Acinonyx jubatus 30 inches at Size the shoulder Weight 110 to 140 pounds 10 to 20 years Life span **Habitat** Open plains

#### AT A GLANCE

The cheetah is the world's fastest land animal. Over short distances, it can sprint up to 70 miles per hour. Built for speed, it has long, slim, muscular legs; a small, rounded head set on a long neck; a flexible spine; a deep chest; special pads on its feet for traction; and a long tail for balance. Distinctive black "tear tracks" running from the inside corner of each eye to the mouth serve as an antiglare mechanism for daytime hunting.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
Cheetahs have become extinct in many areas due to shrinking habitat, loss of species to prey upon, disease, and a high rate of cub mortality. AWF continues to build upon our "See 'African Cats,' Save the Savanna" program, by ensuring that land in Kenya's Amboseli Wildlife Corridor—a passage between the Amboseli, Tsavo West, and Chyulu National Parks—is onen and Chyulu National Parks—is open

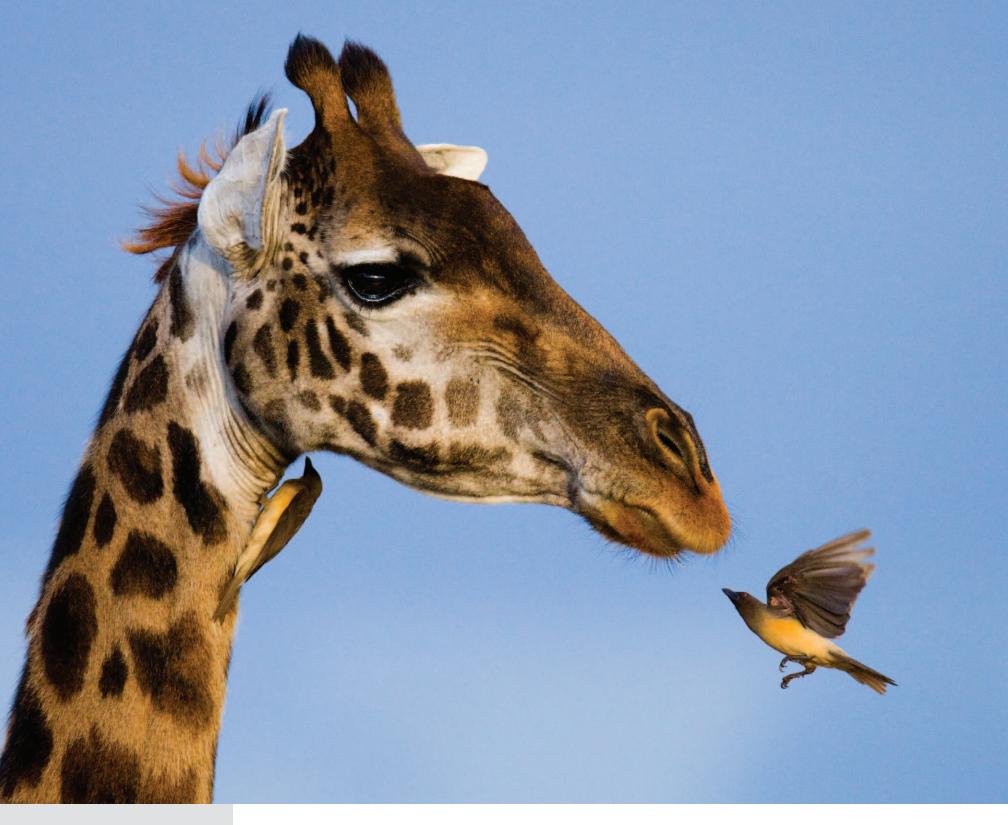
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Giraffe Giraffa camelopardalis Up to 18 feet Size Up to 3,000 pounds Weight Life span 25 years Habitat Dense forests, open plains

### **AT A GLANCE**

The giraffe is the tallest living animal, uniquely adapted to reach vegetation inaccessible to other herbivores. Giraffes have a distinctive walking gait, moving both right legs forward, then both left. At a gallop, however, the giraffe simultaneously swings the hind legs ahead of and outside the front legs, reaching speeds of 35 miles an hour. Giraffe "horns" are actually knobs covered with skin and hair above the eyes that protect the head from injury.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
The West African giraffe was on the brink of extinction in 1996, and poaching for their meat and hide continues today.

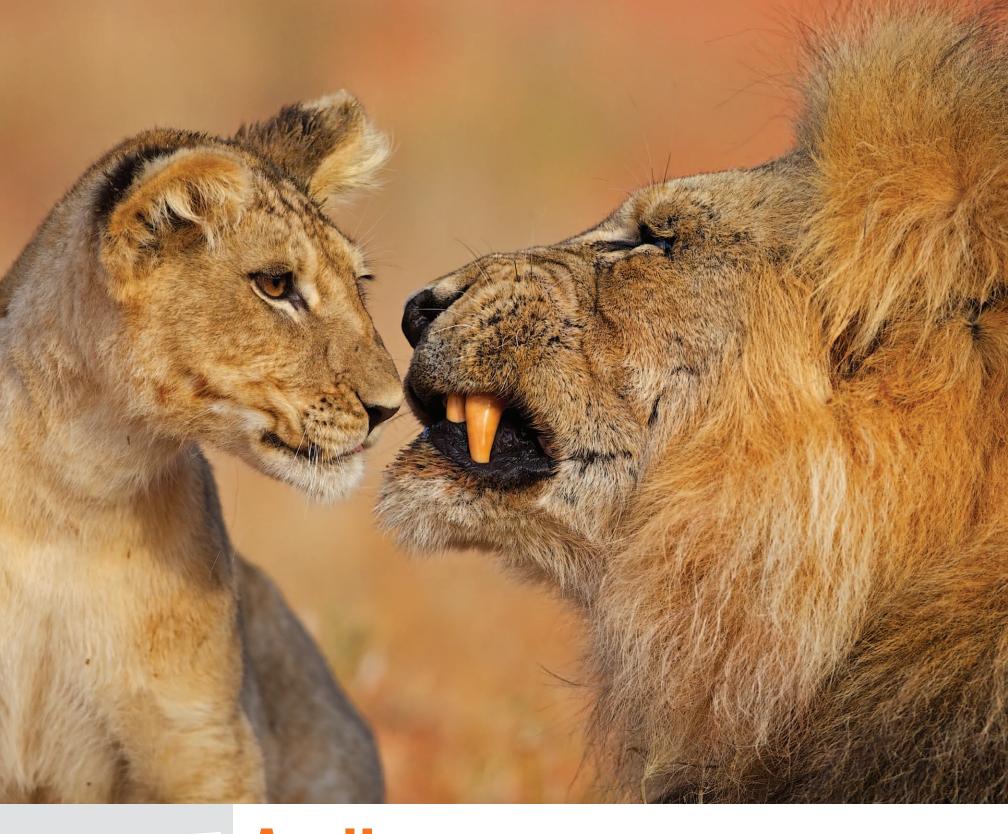
AWF, through its support of Association pour Sauvegarde des Girafes du Niger (ASGN), a non-profit devoted to giraffe conservation, is working to reduce human-giraffe conflict within crucial ecological buffer zones around AWF's Regional Parc W Heartland

## March



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17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 FIRST QUARTER	20 Vernal Equinox	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27 FULL MOON	28	29	30
31 Easter	Passover Begins				Good Friday	

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**April** 

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Lion Panthera leo Size 48 inches high Weight 330 to 500 pounds Life span 13 years in captivity Grassy plains and Habitat open woodlands

#### **AT A GLANCE**

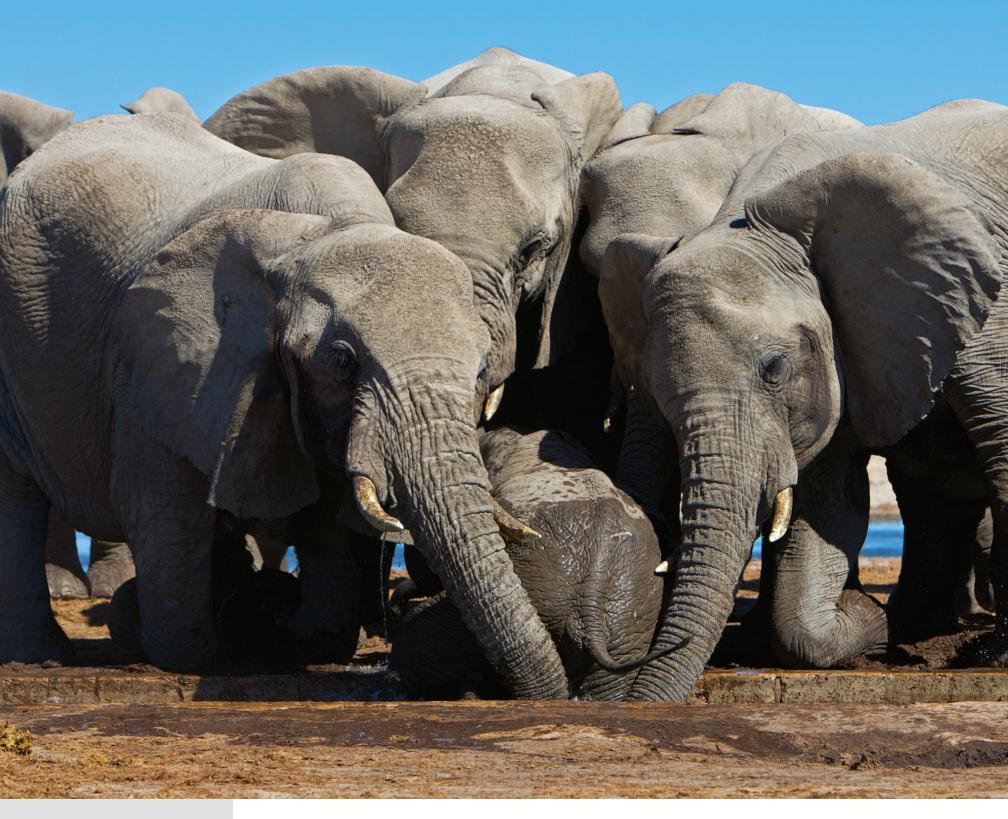
The lion is an exception to the usual solitary existence of most cat species. It has developed a social system based on teamwork, division of labor, and an extended but closed family unit. The average pride consists of about 15 individuals: 5 to 10 females, their young, and 2 or 3 territorial males. Both male and female lions roar, a sound that can be heard as far as 8 km away.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
In the past lions lived in most parts of Africa, but they are now confined to the sub-Saharan region. In Tanzania, a growing human population has resulted in encounters between humans and lions (such as livestock predation), resulting in retaliatory killings of lions. AWF is assisting the local communities in building lion-proof bomas that will minimize livestock predation and ultimately protect lions.

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**Elephant** Loxodonta africana Size Up to 11 feet Weight 7,000 to 13,200 pounds Life span 60 to 70 years Habitat Dense forest, to open plains

### AT A GLANCE

The African elephant is the largest living land mammal. Of all its features, the muscular trunk is perhaps the most extraordinary. It serves as a nose, hand, extra foot, signaling device, and tool for gathering food, siphoning water, dusting, and digging. Elephants are right- or left-tusked, using the favored tusk more often, thus shortening it from constant wear. Tusks differ in size, shape, and angle.

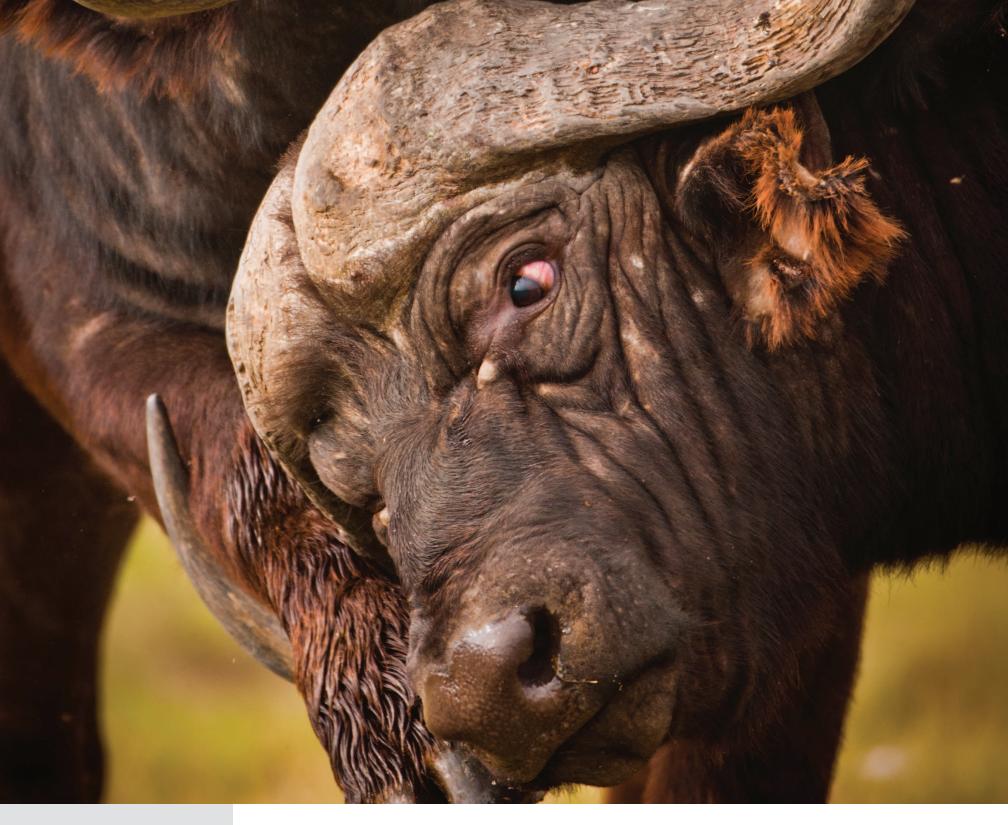
HOW AWF IS HELPING
Elephants are an essential component of African ecosystems, but when they are confined by park boundaries and human settlements, their impact can upset the ecological balance.
In Zambia, AWF has rebuilt and supported a school in a region with a significant elephant population, in exchange for the community maintaining a large conservation area for elephants to roam.



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Burchell's Zebra Equus burchellii 45 to 55 inches

Size

at the shoulder

Weight Life span 485 to 550 pounds 40 years in captivity

Habitat Woodlands

to open plains

#### AT A GLANCE

At first glance, zebras in a herd might all look alike, but their stripe patterns are as distinctive as the fingerprints are in humans. Scientists can identify individual zebras by comparing patterns, stripe widths, color, and scars. Because the zebra's main predator, the lion, is color blind, the black and white stripes also act as camouflage. The wavy stripes on their coat blend in with tall, wavy grasses surrounding it.

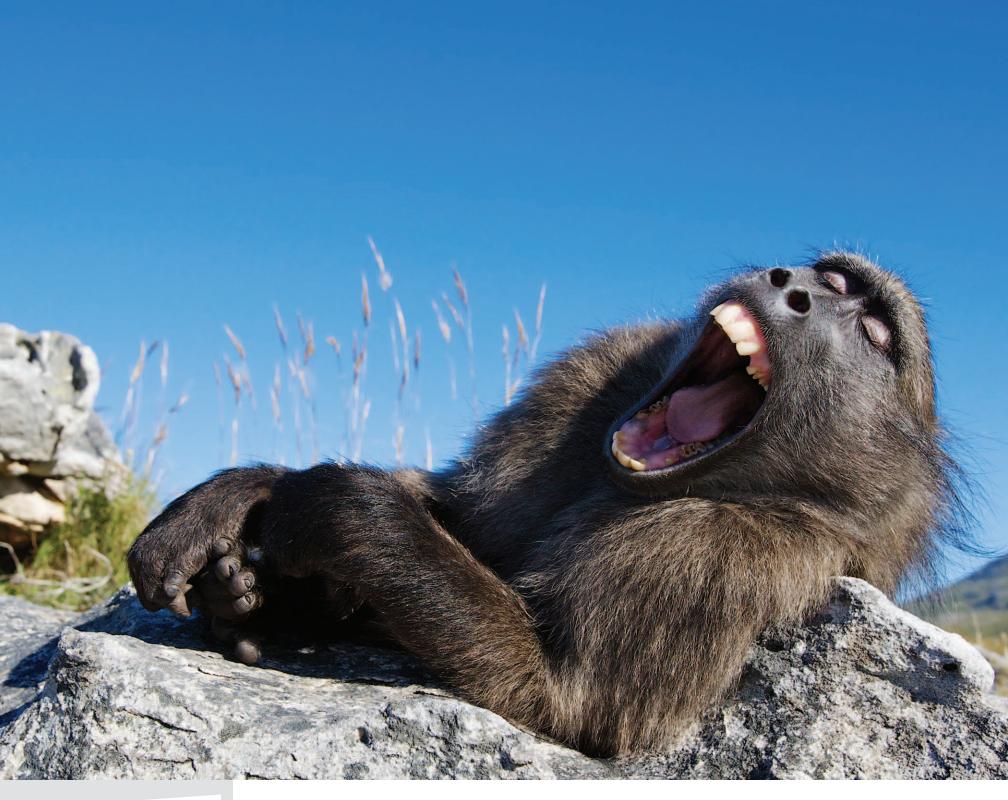
HOW AWF IS HELPING
Habitat loss is a serious threat to the endangered Grevy's zebra. Additionally, it must compete with livestock for a limited water supply and is hunted by poachers for its hide. In the Samburu Heartland, AWF supports the Grevy's Zebra Project. The project involves the collaring of several Grevy's zebras so scientists can track their movements appropriate wildlife corridors to protect.

## June



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16 FIRST QUARTER	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22
23 FULL MOON  30 LAST QUARTER	24	25	26	27	28	29

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Baboon Papio cynocephalus anubis
Size 14 to 30 inches at the shoulder
Weight 50 to 100 pounds
Life span 20 to 30 years
Habitat Savannas and woodlands

### AT A GLANCE

Of all the primates in East Africa, the baboon most frequently interacts with people. Apart from humans, baboons are the most adaptable of the ground-dwelling primates and live in a variety of habitats. When water is readily available, baboons drink every day or two, but they can survive for long periods by licking the night dew from their fur. Intelligent and crafty, they can be agricultural pests and are often treated as vermin rather than wildlife.

#### **HOW AWF IS HELPING**

The baboon's major predator is the human. Like other wildlife, baboons can get caught in snares laid by humans seeking bush-meat for consumption and for sale on the local market.

AWF has long supported scouts and rangers across its Heartlands, who conduct anti-snare and anti-poaching patrols to ensure that wildlife such as the baboon remain safe from harm.

# July

## AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION®

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Hippopotamus Hippopotamus amphibius 13 feet long, 5 feet tall Size Weight 3.5 tons 50 years Life span **Habitat** Rivers and swamps

### **AT A GLANCE**

Hippos are the third-largest living land mammal, after elephants and white rhinos. A hippo's foot has four webbed toes, which splay out to distribute weight evenly and adequately support it on land. The name hippopotamus comes from the Greek words "hippos," meaning horse, and "potamus," meaning river. The hippo spends most of its day in the water and is more closely related to the pig than the horse.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
Hundreds of hippos are shot each year due to the popularity of hippo meat, fat, and their ivory tusks. For a number of years, AWF has worked with the Zambia Wildlife Authority to pump life back into Lower Zambezi National Park, an area that is home to thousands of African hippos. AWF also assists with educating communities on the value of wildlife and directly tying the benefits of wildlife such as the hippo to tourism.

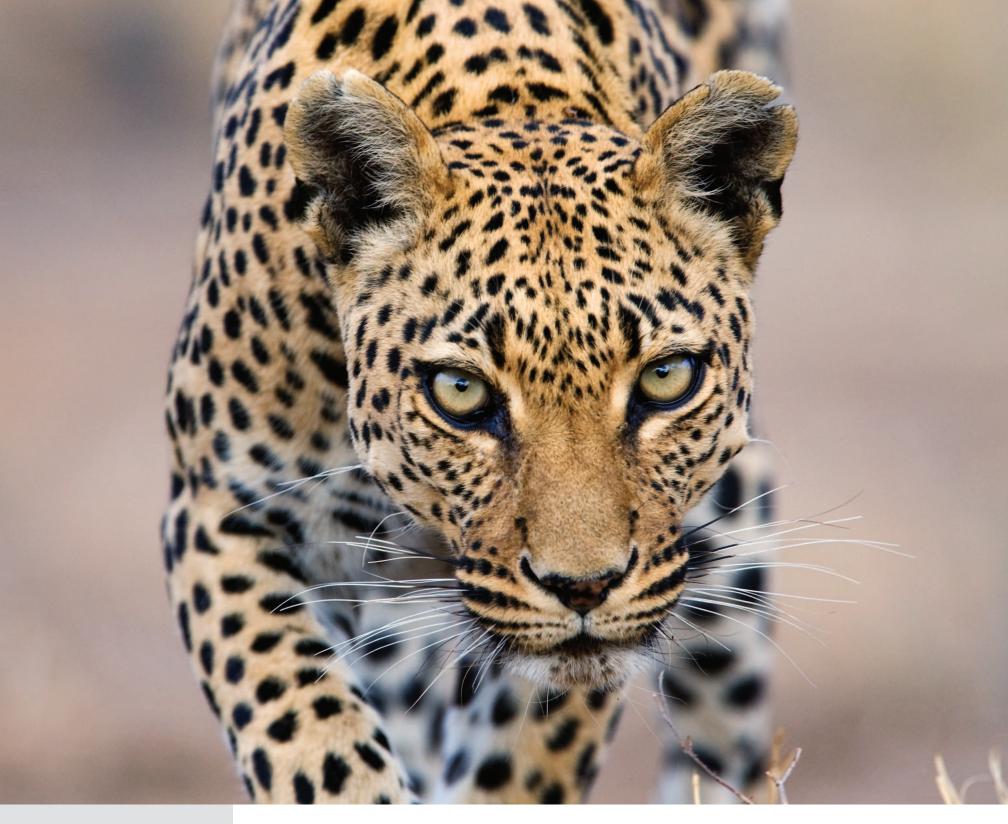
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Leopard Size Weight Life span **Habitat** 

Panthera pardus 28 inches at shoulder Up to 140 pounds 21 years in captivity Bush and rivirine forest

#### AT A GLANCE

The most secretive and elusive of the large carnivores, the leopard is also the shrewdest. Pound for pound, it is the strongest climber of the large cats and capable of killing prey larger than itself. Leopards come in a wide variety of coat colors, from a light buff or tawny in warmer, drier areas to a dark shade in deep forests. The spots, or rosettes, are circular in East African leopards but square in Southern African leopards.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
The leopard has long been preyed upon by man. Its soft, beautiful fur is used for clothing, while the tail, claws, and whiskers are popular Leopard Conservation Science Project documents leopard behavior, populations, and key threats in Kruger National Park to shape conservation strategies that will protect leopard populations and habitats.

September



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Wildebeest

Connochaetes taurinus

Size

50 to 58 inches at shoulders

Weight Life span 265 to 600 pounds

open grassy plains

Open woodland and Habitat

**AT A GLANCE** 

The head of the wildebeest is large and box-like, and both males and females have curving horns. The coat is gray, and the wildebeest has a black mane and a black or white beard. The wildebeest's blunt muzzle and wide row of incisors are adapted for large bites of short grasses. Wildebeests are water dependent, and grazing, trampling, and manuring the grasses on which they feed stimulates new growth as long as the ground has sufficient moisture.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
Wildebeest populations across Africa
are declining. Habitat fragmentation
caused by the fencing off of land poses a large threat to migrating wildebeests. When the government of Tanzania proposed constructing a road that would cut through the wildebeest's migration path, AWF protested the move and helped recommend an alternate route that would still effectively serve community needs.

## October



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13	14 Columbus Day Eid-al-Adha	15	16	17	18 FULL MOON	19	
20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	LAST QUARTER
27	28	29	30	31  Halloween			

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**Ostrich** Struthio camelus Up to 8 feet tall Size 240 to 300 pounds Weight Life span Up to 40 years Habitat Semi-arid plains and woodlands

### AT A GLANCE

The flightless ostrich is the world's largest bird. Contrary to popular belief, ostriches do not bury their heads in the sand. The old saw probably originates with one of the bird's defensive behaviors. At the approach of trouble, ostriches will lie low and press their long necks to the ground in an attempt to become less visible. Their plumage blends well with sandy soil and, from a distance, gives the appearance that they have buried their heads in the sand.

HOW AWF IS HELPING
In the 18th century, ostrich feathers
were so popular in ladies' fashion
that the species disappeared from
all of northern Africa. If not for ostrich farming, the ostrich would probably bexextinct. AWF supports a number wildlife conservancies, particularly in Kenya and Tanzania, where ostrich among other wildlife make their homes. These conservancies provide lush,

## November



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10 FIRST QUARTER	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 FULL MOON	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 LAST QUARTER	26	27 Chanukah Begins	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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Rhinoceros Size Ceratotherium 60 inches at the shoulder

Weight Life span Habitat Over 2 tons 35 to 40 years Grasslands and open savannas

### AT A GLANCE

The rhinoceros is a large, primitive-looking mammal that dates from the Miocene era millions of years ago. In recent decades rhinos have been relentlessly hunted for their horn—to the point of near extinction. Since 1970, the world rhino population has declined by 90 percent. Five species of rhino remain in the world today; all are endangered.

#### **HOW AWF IS HELPING**

Rhinoceros are being poached at alarming rates for their horns, which some Asian cultures mistakenly believe offer miracle cures for diseases. AWF has provided equipment, fencing, and training to scouts in Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya. In April 2012, AWF convened a Rhino Summit, resulting in an action plan aimed at saving the rhino.

## December



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 NEW MOON	4	5	6	7
8	9 FIRST QUARTER	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 FULL MOON	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice
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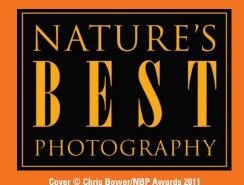


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