

# GIRAFFES

Misunderstood Animals: #12

## Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☒ Mammal

## Diet:

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Omnivore
- ☒ Herbivore

## Habitat:

- ☐ Desert
- ☒ Grassland
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Marine
- ☐ Urban

## Basic stats:

Number of species: 4

Height: 13-18 feet

Speed: 37 mph at a sprint

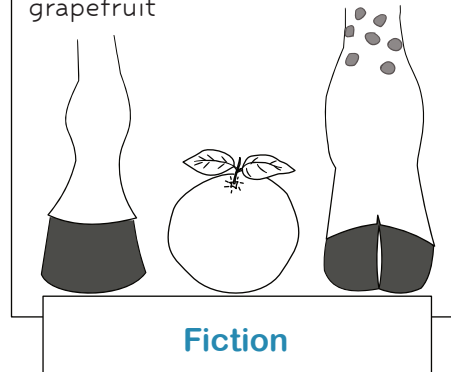
Group name: herd

Weight: 1,800 lbs female, 2,600 lbs male

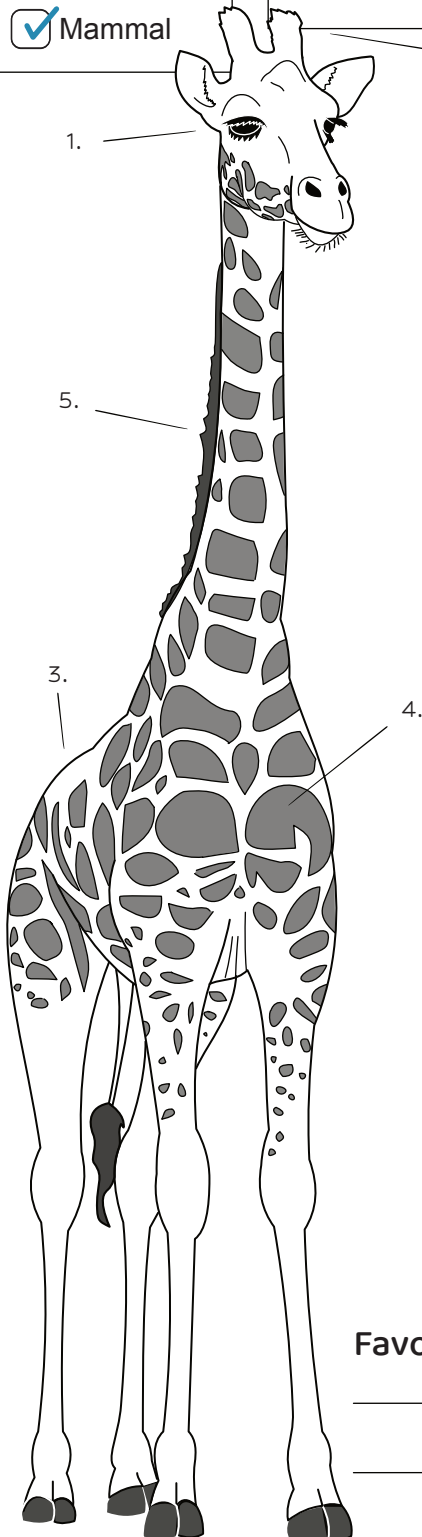
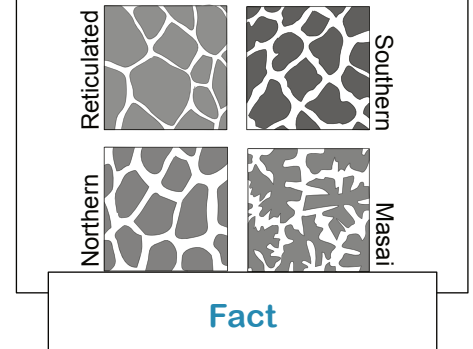
Lifespan: 25 years wild, 30+ in captivity.  
Oldest known giraffe was 39

## FACT OR FICTION?

Similar to a horse, the giraffe's hoof is the about size of a grapefruit



The four species of giraffe are as genetically distinct as a polar bear and a brown bear



- 1 Eyes
- 2 Ossicones
- 3 Skin
- 4 Patches
- 5 Long Neck

Made of bony cartilage and used in sparring. May also have a role in brain temperature regulation

Provides camouflage and helps regulate body temperature through a specialized system of blood vessels

Ability to spot predators over a mile away, making them sentinels for other prey animals

Has a strong odor that repels insects and parasites

Allows the giraffe to reach leaves and branches that other animals cannot

## Favorite Giraffe Fact:

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