

# WILDLIFE FACTS

**Population:** 415,000  
**Status:** Vulnerable

**Diet:** Herbivore  
**Location:** Sub-saharan Africa

## Did you know?

- Elephants are the world's largest land animals
- Male African elephants can reach three metres tall and weigh up to 6,000kg
- They have large ears shaped like the continent of Africa
- African elephants spend between 12 to 18 hours eating grass, plants and fruit every single day
- Each elephant creates about one tonne of poo per week
- They throw mud and sand over themselves to protect their skin from the hot, burning sun.



## AFRICAN ELEPHANTS



## LIONS

**Population:** 20,000  
**Status:** Vulnerable  
**Diet:** Carnivore  
**Location:** Sub-saharan Africa and Gir forest in west India

## Did you know?

- Lions live in groups of 10-15 called prides
- An adult male's roar can be heard up to 8km away
- The name for a baby lion is a cub, whelp or lionet
- In the wild, lions can be expected to live for up to 16 years
- Lions can run up to 81km per hour
- Lions hunt large animals such as zebra and wildebeest.

**Population:** Fewer than 500  
**Status:** Endangered

**Diet:** Carnivore  
**Location:** Ethiopia

## Did you know?

- Their narrow muzzle and widely spaced small teeth help to hunt small prey
- Ethiopian wolves live in close-knit packs of up to 18 adults
- The packs gather for greetings and border patrols during dawn, midday and evening
- In the wild, Ethiopian wolves can be expected to live for up to 10 years
- Their coats are reddish, with white marks on their legs, tail, belly, face, and chin
- Their feet have five toes at the front and four on the back feet.



## ETHIOPIAN WOLVES



## GORILLA

**Population:** Eastern gorilla – 5,000 / western gorilla - 100,000  
**Status:** Critically endangered  
**Diet:** Omnivore  
**Location:** Eastern gorilla – eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, north west Rwanda and south west Uganda / Western gorilla – Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria and Republic of Congo

## Did you know?

- In the wild, Gorillas can be expected to live for up to 35 years
- Gorillas have hands and feet like humans including opposable thumbs and big toes
- They sleep at night in nests
- Gorillas are the largest species of primates
- Male gorillas grow to around 1.8m tall and weigh around 220kg
- They eat leaves, fruits, herbs, bark, roots, bamboo and seeds.

