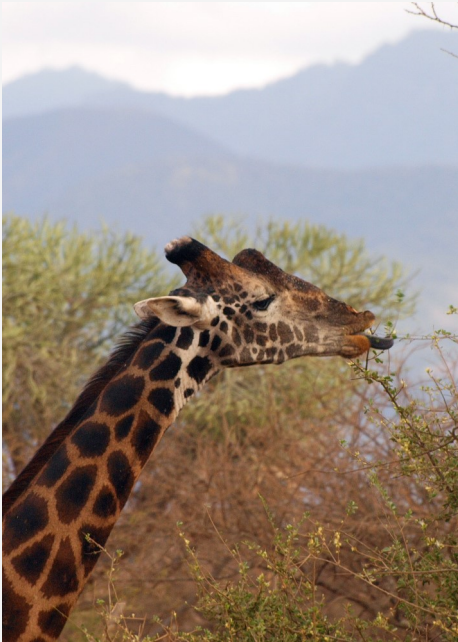


## SOME INTERESTING ANIMAL FACTS:



### GIRAFFES

Did you know that a giraffe's tongue is black to protect it from the sun? Giraffes use their tongues to strip leaves from the tallest trees, and the high melanin content helps to prevent them from getting sunburned.

This is just one of the giraffe's many special adaptations.

Blood is pumped up their famously long necks by a uniquely powerful system of valves and veins. When the giraffe lowers its head to drink, the same system prevents the blood from rushing downwards and causing a sudden loss of consciousness.

### ZEBRA STRIPES

Did you know that every zebra's stripes are unique, and from the moment a baby zebra is born it can recognize its mother's stripes?

The stripes help zebra tolerate 110 degree temperatures by creating a kind of personal air conditioning effect. The black stripe absorbs heat while the white stripe repels it. So the air circulates in tiny loops all over the animal's body!



### ELEPHANT COMMUNICATION

Did you know that elephants can communicate with one another over many miles? They do this with stomach rumbles, which pass down into the ground. Elephants many miles away can pick up the "sounds" through the sensitive pads under their feet!

If another herd is approaching at a distance, they will warn this herd at the watering hole through stomach rumbles to move out now and avoid conflict!