

Giraffe

The giraffe has long legs and a long neck so that it can reach up into trees for food.



Habitat — Giraffes live in the dry grasslands and forests of Africa.

Size — Giraffes can grow up to 6 metres tall and weigh 1270 kilos.

Appearance — The giraffe has a long neck and long legs. They have a light brown hair patterned with dark patches. They walk by moving both legs on the same side of the body together.

Diet — Giraffes are herbivores (plant eaters). They eat leaves, shoots, fruit and vines. They have tough thick lips which protect them from thorny plants.

Young - A single calf is born after a pregnancy of sixteen months. It will be over 2 metres tall at birth.

Interesting fact — Giraffes have neck wrestling competitions to see who 'is the boss'.