



## Z.P.G.A. "Cubs Club" Newsletter

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A focus on African Elephants



Welcome to the Z.P.G.A. Cubs Club

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, I bet you were celebrating with your parents, and I hope you got some well deserved presents.

Back here in the African bush we also celebrated Christmas but for us this is a time of heat & rain, this is a time when the farmers plough their fields and many of our animals are born.

**Ethics are everything!**



This is Grace from Seattle in the USA.  
Grace is an African Wildlife supporter  
and has been to visit with her mom & dad

# Human Wildlife Conflict

We talk about "Human Wildlife Conflict" quite a bit in Africa and I want to explain a little about this.

Many of the people in Africa are farmers. In Zimbabwe our farmers usually plant their seeds in about November, this is when it starts to rain and of course all plants need water.

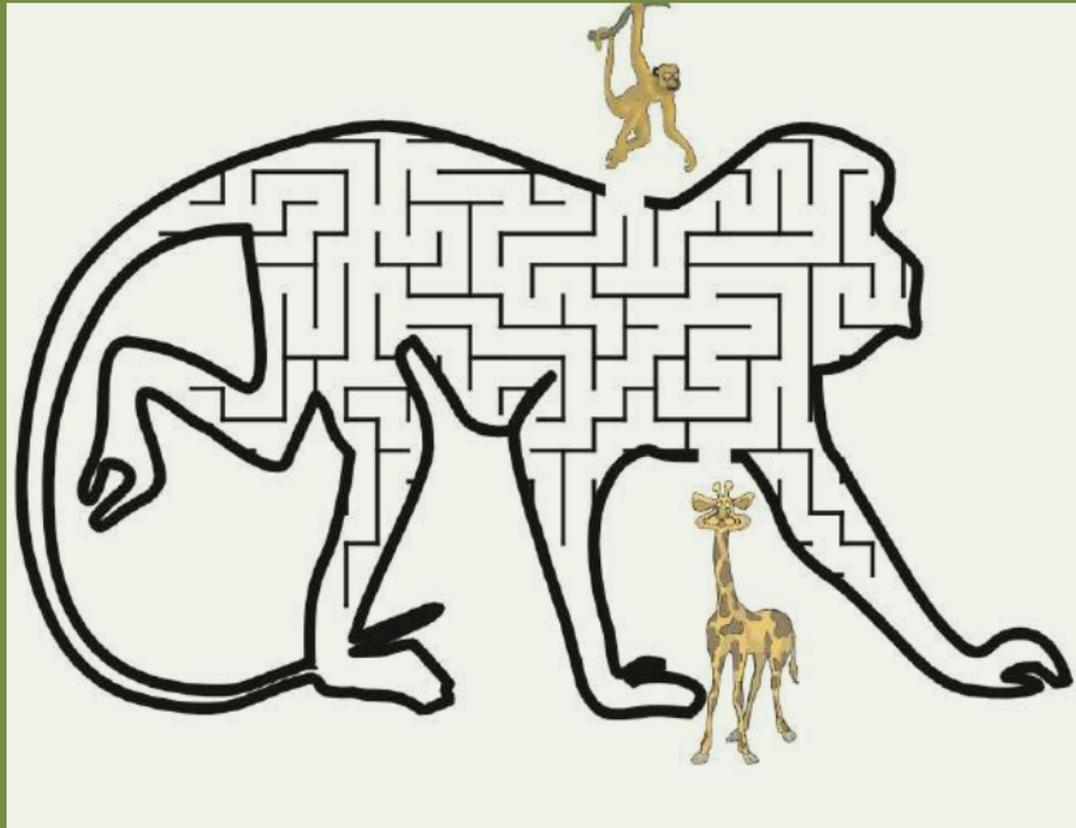


Maize or corn is planted and is eaten by just about everyone, the problem is that animals such as bush pigs, buffalo, baboons, elephants and many other animals also like these plants because they are soft and easy to eat. Animals do not have to walk far searching for food, it is all in one field and its delicious!

So there is a fight between people and animals and we call this "Human Wildlife Conflict". Little people sometime as young as 6 get sent out by their dads into the fields at night to protect their fields and of course the food in the fields.

Sometimes more than one elephant goes into a field and all the crops are eaten which means there could be no food for the whole family for the rest of the year and this is can be a disaster! So this means there are many people in Africa that do not like Wild Animals and we need to help them to learn about new ways of planting and protecting their crops.

Can you find your way out of the Monkey Maize?



In Zimbabwe we  
get two types of  
monkeys, the:  
Vervet Monkey  
&  
Somango Monkey

Monkeys love  
eating fruit, if  
you leave any  
lying around a  
monkey will be  
sure to steal it  
before you can eat  
it!

## African folk-law stories

### How The Elephant Got Its Trunk!

African stories are always told at night around a camp fire with all the family sitting around. Once upon a time there was a herd of elephants. Non of the elephants had trunks and they looked liked very large pigs, but I will tell you how the elephants got their trunks.

One day a baby elephant was taking a stroll to get some water from the river and while he was drinking a crocodile came up and grabbed the elephant by the nose. The baby elephant was very lucky because the crocodile did not bite very hard and the Elephant managed to pull away and free himself.

Then one day an adult elephant came to the river for a nice cold drink. Then a crocodile rose up from the muddy water and grabbed the Elephant by the nose and pulled and pulled then suddenly the crocodile let go of the elephants nose.

The elephant fell back and realized his trunk was 3m long! Very quickly he ran back to the elephant herd and said. Hey guys look - having a long nose is awesome because you can lift stuff and drink water from it, it's amazing!

<http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20150217-why-the-elephant-has-a-long-trunk#:~:text=The%20elephant%20got%20its%20trunk,nose%20and%20stretche,d%20it%20out.>



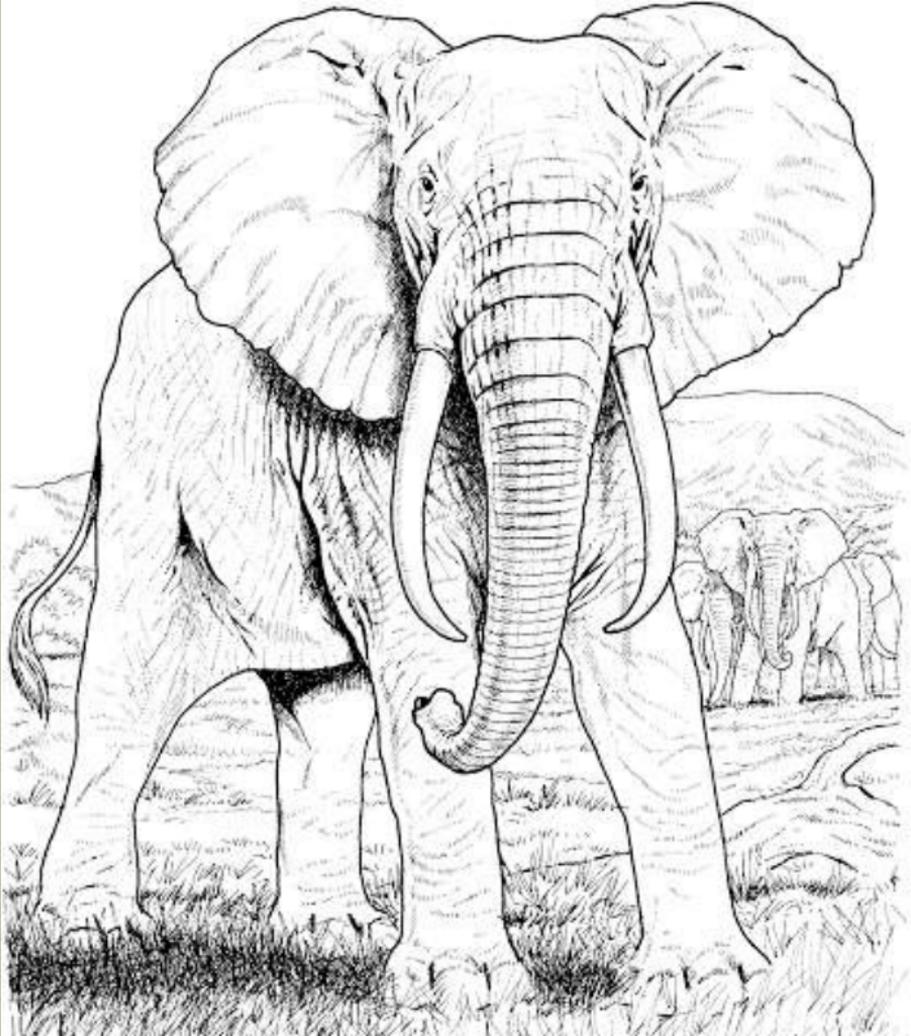
## The African Elephant

Weighing up to 6000 kg (6.6 tons) and measuring up to 3.3 m (10 ft.) at the shoulder,

The African elephant is the world's largest land mammal. It is characterized by its highly dexterous trunk, long curved tusks, and massive ears.

Colour me in and send us your finished picture.

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PHOTOGRAPHS TO:  
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# All about Africa - Mini Quiz

- The African ..... is the largest living land mammal
- The Gorilla is the largest primate on .....
- The Nile crocodile is the largest reptile in .....
- The ostrich is the largest..... on Earth
- The fastest African land animal is the .....

What is the name of the animal below?

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How can we as your Association, make being a member of this club more interesting, and fun? Please email your ideas to John Laing - [marketing@zpga.org](mailto:marketing@zpga.org)



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There are so many different animals that live in Africa and people come from all over the world to see them.

Africa is such a big place and you will find different animals in each place.

# African Animals

## Word Search Puzzle



G	I	R	A	F	F	E	H	K	C	K	G	S	N	K	Z	W
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AARDVARK	ELEPHANT	KUDU
ANTELOPE	GAZELLE	LEOPARD
BABOON	GIRAFFE	LION
BONGO	GORILLA	PORCUPINE
BUSHBUCK	HIPPO	RHINO
CHEETAH	HYENA	VULTURE
CHIMPANZEE	IMPALA	WARTHOG
ELAND	JACKAL	ZEBRA