

ANIMAL FUN FACT FRIDAY

Savanna Grassland Biome

Giraffes

- Only need to drink once every few days
- No two individuals have the same spots
- Only need 5-30 minutes of sleep in 24 hours

Hyenas:

- Resemble a dog, but closer in relation to a cat
- Powerful jaws can kill and also crush bones
- Their laugh is an expression of social anxiety and uncertainty

Aardvarks:

- Walk on toes, not on soles of feet
- Use its long tongues to gather up to 50,000 ants in a night
- Swallow food whole; stomach "chews"

Wildebeests:

- Also known as a "gnu"
- Migrate 500 to 1000 miles per year
- Migrate with zebras - both have skills the other needs

Ostriches:

- Biggest eyes of any land mammal; 3 sets of eyelids
- Cannot fly
- Only have 2 toes per foot

Lilac Breasted Rollers:

- National bird of Kenya
- Perch at high points to look for prey
- Nesting takes place in a natural hole in a tree

Leopard Tortoises:

- Only tortoise that can raise its head, therefore can swim
- A group is known as a "creep"
- Shell markings are unique to each tortoise

Black Mambas:

- Bite is the "kiss of death"
- Black is not their outside color (brown), it is the color inside its mouth
- One of the fastest moving snakes in the world

Crocodiles:

- Biggest reptile on Earth
- Cannot sweat - releases heat through mouth
- Can keep jaw open underwater - has a valve at back of throat

