

# Giraffe- *Giraffa camelopardalis*

Family Giraffidae

- South African Giraffe,
- Maasai Giraffe or Kilimanjaro Giraffe,
- Thornicroft Giraffe or Rhodesian Giraffe,
- Rothschild Giraffe, Baringo Giraffe or Ugandan Giraffe,
- Reticulated Giraffe or Somali Giraffe,
- Angolan Giraffe or Smoky Giraffe,
- Kordofan Giraffe,
- Nubian Giraffe,
- West African Giraffe or Nigerian Giraffe,

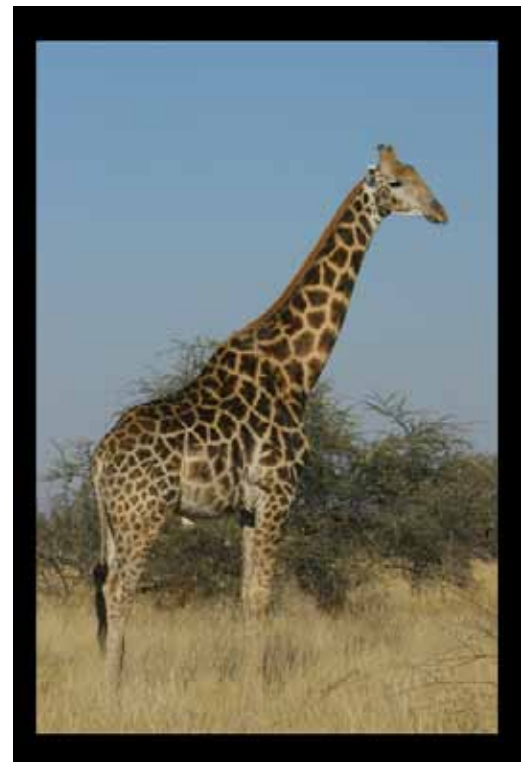
*G. c. giraffa*  
*G. c. tippelskirchi*  
*G. c. thornicrofti*  
*G. c. rothschildi*  
*G. c. reticulata*  
*G. c. angolensis*  
*G. c. antiquorum*  
*G. c. camelopardalis*  
*G. c. peralta*

## South African Giraffe

*G. c. giraffa*

– Description: rounded or blotched spots, some with star-like extensions on a light tan background, running down to the hooves.

- Range: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique.



## Maasai Giraffe or Kilimanjaro Giraffe

*G. c. tippelskirchi*

– Description: jagged-edged, vine-leaf shaped spots of dark chocolate on a yellowish background.

- Range: central and southern Kenya, Tanzania.



## **Thornicroft Giraffe or Rhodesian Giraffe**

### **G. c. thornicrofti**

– star-shaped or leafy spots extend to the lower leg.

- Range: eastern Zambia.



## **Rothschild -, Baringo - or Ugan- dan Giraffe**

### **G. c. rothschildi**

– deep brown, blotched or rectangular spots with poorly defined cream lines. Hocks may be spotted.

- Range: Uganda, north-central Kenya.

## **Kordofan Giraffe**

### **G. c. antiquorum**

– smaller, more irregular spots that cover the inner legs.

- Range: western and southwestern Sudan, Cameroon.

## **Reticulated Giraffe or Somali Giraffe**

**G. c. reticulata**

– large, polygonal liver-coloured spots outlined by a network of bright white lines. The blocks may sometimes appear deep red and may also cover the legs.

- Range: northeastern Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia

## **Angolan Giraffe or Smoky Giraffe**

**G. c. angolensis**

– large spots and some notches around the edges, extending down the entire lower leg.

- Range: Angola, Zambia.

## **Nubian Giraffe**

**G. c. camelopardalis**

– large, four-sided spots of chestnut brown on an off-white background and no spots on inner sides of the legs or below the hocks.

- Range: eastern Sudan, northeast Congo.

## **West African Giraffe or Nigerian Giraffe**

**G. c. peralta**

– numerous pale, yellowish red spots.

- Range: Niger.