



TWIGA - Swahili for giraffe

The giraffe is the tallest mammal in the world, 14-19 ft tall! Their legs alone are taller than most humans - about 6 ft tall. With these long legs giraffes can reach a top speed of 35 miles per hour. Even their tongues are long, measuring at almost 21 inches long!

There are 4 different species of giraffes- Masai, Northern, Reticulated and Southern. No two individual giraffes have the same pattern, but appear very similar.

It is difficult and dangerous for giraffes to drink at waterholes. They have to spread their legs and bend down in an awkward position which makes them vulnerable to predators like lions. Giraffes only need to drink once every several days. They get most of their water from the plants they eat.



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