

## Interesting facts (About zebra species)

### 1. Do you know how many species of zebra there are?

There are three species of zebra that are alive. The [Grevy's zebra](#), the plain zebra, and [the mountain zebra](#) are these species.

**a) Grevy's zebra:** They are the biggest species of all. They have long legs, long and rounded ears, narrow and tight stripes, a brownish nose, a short neck, and an erect mane. They are native to [Kenya](#) and [Ethiopia](#). They have an average life span of about 20–25 years. Their features resemble those of a mule or donkey. They have an average length of about 2.50–2.75 m, and their average weight is about 350 to 450 kg. They have narrow vertical stripes that cover the entire body. They are found in semi-arid grassland and areas below 2000 feet.

**b) The plain zebra:** They have broad white and black stripes as compared to the Grevy's zebra species, with a short and erect mane. Their weight varies from 220 to 330 kg, and their length varies from 217 to 246 cm. They have short legs, a concave nose, a convex forehead, tufted hair, and an erect mane. These are the most widespread species of the three species. They are found in [southern](#) and [eastern Africa](#). There are about seven subspecies of the plain zebra. These are the Maneless zebra, Grant's zebra, Crawshay's zebra, Chapman's zebra, Burchell's zebra, the quagga, and Selous' zebra. They are found in grassland as well as mountains of about 14000 feet high.

**c) The mountain zebra:** They have very bold black or dark brown colored stripes on their body. Their average length varies from 2.1 to 2.6 m, and their weight varies from 210 to 375 kg. They lack stripes on their bellies. They are mainly found in [southwestern Africa](#). There are two subspecies of mountain zebra. These are the Cape mountain zebra and Hartmann's mountain zebra. They have grid-like stripes on their rump and tough hooves. Their tough hooves help them to climb mountains. They are found in mountain areas of about 6500 feet above the ground.

### 2. In which country is the national animal zebra?

It is the national animal of [Botswana](#). They appear on the coat of arms. There are black stripes on the flag that are surrounded by two white stripes. They represent robustness, harmony, and rich wildlife heritage.

### 3. Zebras are white or black colored animals?

They are black-colored animals with white stripes on them.

## References

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