



COMMON (GRANT, BURCHELL) ZEBRA

Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Chordata Class: Mammalia Order: Perissodactyla
Equidae Equus Burchelli Bohmi

This zebra has seven to ten neck stripes and three to four vertical body stripes.

Status: Stable

Habitat: Grasslands

Range: From northern Zimbabwe to the Sudan in East Africa.

Diet in the Wild: Grass

Height: 4-5 feet

Weight: 500-700 pounds.

Lifespan: 28 years



Special Features:

- Large barrel-shaped body holds a very large amount of relatively un-nutritious grass.
- Very dependent on water.
- Live in herds of 17 mares with 1 stallion.
- During travel, the herd is led by the dominant female and her foal, followed by other females in their order of dominance.
- Strong family unit. Will not leave the weak behind.
- Capable of running 40 mph.
- Use teeth and hooves for defense.
- The zebra is the only grazer to have both upper and lower incisors; it can thus snip the grass blade (rather than yanking it out), exposing the tender under grasses for others.
- Zebras form mixed herds with different kinds of antelope.
- Zebras sleep in turns, so that some members of herd are always awake.

Breeding/Care of Young:

- Males sexually mature at 5-6 years old. Females 2 years old.
- Gestation is 12-13 months
- Usually a single birth.
- Young males leave the herd to form bachelor herds at 2 years old.
- The foals are born with brown stripes

