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Spotted Hyena

Crocuta crocuta

The spotted hyena (Crocuta crocuta), often recognized by its distinctive 'laughing' vocalizations, is the most populous and widespread member of the Hyaenidae family, inhabiting a vast range across s…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Hyaenidae
Habitat: Savannas, grasslands, woodlands, and semi-deserts of sub-Saharan Africa
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-25 years
Weight: 40-86 kg
Scientific name: Crocuta crocuta

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, female Spotted Hyenas have external genitalia that closely resemble those of males, making the sexes difficult to distinguish.
- Despite their reputation as scavengers, spotted hyenas are proficient hunters, with up to 70% of their diet consisting of their own kills. Their laug…

What I learned

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