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1 **Group sizes of giraffes in Kenya: the influence of habitat,**  
2 **predation and the age and sex of individuals**

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14 **Abstract**

15 Giraffe group sizes appear to vary in response to localised ecological and environmental factors, but  
16 there has been little investigation of how social factors or predation risk affect group size in giraffes.  
17 We studied two adjacent, enclosed populations of Rothschild's giraffes in Kenya, and used 591  
18 records of groups to determine the relative influence of a series of variables on group size. One  
19 population was free from any risk of predation, while the other area contained a high density of  
20 lions. Mean group size was smaller in the population with lions, but a series of GLMMs accounting  
21 for habitat and age/sex class of individuals showed that the presence of high numbers of juveniles in  
22 the area free from lions artificially inflated group sizes. Removing juveniles from the analysis showed  
23 that contrary to the existing creche hypothesis, adult females were found in smaller groups when  
24 they had calves. We found no evidence that predation risk influenced grouping behaviour. Rather,  
25 recruitment and habitat type had a stronger influence on group sizes, but the results were complex  
26 and varied between different age and sex classes of individual. We conclude that predation is not an  
27 important driver of giraffe grouping, and that further research is necessary to understand the  
28 complex behaviour and ecology of this prominent yet understudied species.

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## 34 **Introduction**

35 Temporal and spatial variation in animal groups arises as individuals balance the costs and benefits  
36 of group living to maximise fitness (Rodman, 1981; Krause & Ruxton, 2002; Thaker *et al.*, 2010). By  
37 living in groups animals gain protection from predators, knowledge about the location of resources  
38 and access to mating opportunities, although these benefits must be traded off against costs such as  
39 increased competition for resources, aggression and risk of disease (Hamilton, 1964; Pulliam, 1973;  
40 Krause & Ruxton, 2002; Beauchamp, 2003). The grouping behaviour of a species is often modified by  
41 the additive effects of environmental and social factors (Price & Stoinski, 2007; White, Proffitt &  
42 Lemke, 2012; Creel, Schuette & Christianson, 2014), and fission-fusion societies are especially adept  
43 at altering their group sizes when conditions change (Estevez, Andersen & Nævdal, 2007). Such  
44 behavioural and group-level plasticity enables fission-fusion species to respond rapidly to changes in  
45 local conditions, and achieve an optimal balance between the costs and benefits of grouping (Aureli  
46 *et al.*, 2008).

47 Protection from predators is one of the most frequently cited benefits of grouping, and predation  
48 has a strong and multifarious influence on the lives of prey species. As well as the direct risk of being  
49 preyed, the presence of predators can reduce reproductive success and affect the population  
50 growth of prey species (Werner *et al.*, 1983; Zanette *et al.*, 2011; Creel *et al.*, 2014). Reduced  
51 reproduction rates as a consequence of perceived predation risk (Zanette *et al.*, 2011) may occur  
52 due to animals altering the time they invest in vigilance and foraging behaviours (Brown & Kotler,  
53 2004) or by changing patterns of habitat use, which influences their ability to forage successfully (Sih  
54 & McCarthy, 2002; Creel *et al.*, 2014). The presence of predators typically elicits increased vigilance  
55 and grouping behaviour (Krause & Ruxton, 2002; Creel & Winnie, 2005; Creel *et al.*, 2014) but the  
56 strength and consistency of these responses varies between species (Creel *et al.*, 2014). Increasing  
57 group size with increasing predation risk is reported across a variety of taxa (Crook & Gartlan, 1966;  
58 Seghers, 1974; Clutton-Brock & Harvey, 1977; Wrona & Dixon, 1991; Price & Stoinski, 2007).

59 Giraffes are an interesting species in which to study group living; early studies described giraffes as  
60 groups of random individuals with no long-lasting associations (Dagg & Foster, 1976; Leuthold, 1979;  
61 Le Pendu, Ciofolo & Gosser, 2000). However, new approaches and techniques have altered our  
62 understanding of their social structure and motivations for associating, and have identified linear  
63 hierarchies (Horová, Brandlová & Gloneková, 2015) and long-lasting preferred associations driven by  
64 kinship (Bercovitch & Berry, 2013a), home range overlap (VanderWaal *et al.*, 2013), social  
65 preferences (Carter *et al.*, 2013a) and age proximity (Bercovitch & Berry, 2013b; Carter *et al.*,  
66 2013b).

67 However, some of the most basic elements of giraffe ecology remain unknown. Variation in giraffe  
68 group sizes is believed to be a result of adaptive responses to local environmental and social  
69 conditions, such as habitat type and season (Ciofolo, 1995; Leuthold, 1979; van der Jeugd & Prins,  
70 2000; Brand, 2007), sex of group members (Bercovitch & Berry, 2014) and the presence of predators  
71 (Creel *et al.*, 2014). Lone individuals are common, mean group size is typically 3 to 9 individuals  
72 (Table 1). Groups are smaller in the presence of predators (Creel *et al.*, 2014), suggesting that  
73 protection from predators is not a driver of grouping. Vigilance scanning increases as the number of  
74 males in a group increases (Cameron & du Toit, 2005), suggesting that there are reduced foraging  
75 costs for being in groups. It is generally accepted that females with calves congregate to form creche  
76 groups (Langman, 1977; Leuthold & Leuthold, 1978; Horwich *et al.*, 1983; Pratt & Anderson, 1985),  
77 but this has never been explicitly tested. Fundamental questions about the adaptive advantages of  
78 grouping in giraffes are still unanswered.

79 In this study, we aim to further explore the hypothesis that giraffes group for predator-protection  
80 benefits. We also test the effects of habitat on group size, since giraffes should be more vulnerable  
81 in some habitats than others, which may affect grouping decisions. Lastly, we test the influence of  
82 the age/sex of individuals on grouping behaviour, since individuals of different age and sex class may  
83 have different strategies and motivations to form or disband from groups (Bercovitch & Berry, 2014).

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85 **Materials and Methods**

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87 *Study sites and data collection*

88 We collected group size data at two locations in the Great Rift Valley region of Kenya: Soysambu  
89 Conservancy (SC) is a 190km<sup>2</sup> wildlife conservancy surrounding part of Lake Elementeita (00°46'S,  
90 036°23'E; 1670m asl), and Lake Nakuru National Park (LNNP) is a 188km<sup>2</sup> National Park surrounding  
91 Lake Nakuru (0°22'S 36°05'E; 1759m asl). Both areas are enclosed and separated by an electrified  
92 game-proof fence along the 7.8 km shared boundary along the south-eastern boundary of LNNP and  
93 western boundary of SC (Fig. 1).

94 The risk of predation is a notable difference between the two areas. Lions are the only predator to  
95 pose a significant threat to giraffes (Hirst, 1969; Pienaar, 1969; Foster & Dagg, 1972; Dagg & Foster,  
96 1976; Strauss & Packer, 2013). In 2011, LNNP contained 56 lions (Ogutu *et al.*, 2012), which is a high  
97 density (0.3 lion/km<sup>2</sup>) compared to more typical densities of 0.08 and 0.14 lion/km<sup>2</sup> (East, 1984;  
98 Creel & Creel, 1997). Preferential preying of lions upon giraffes has been identified as a problem in  
99 LNNP (Kenya Wildlife Service, 2002; Brenneman *et al.*, 2009). At the time of this study, SC was free  
100 of lions and had been for several decades (5<sup>th</sup> Baron Delamere, pers. comm.). This information is the  
101 basis of our assertion that giraffes in LNNP were exposed to a higher risk of predation than those in  
102 SC.

103 Data were collected for nine consecutive months in each study site (SC May 2010 to January 2011;  
104 LNNP May 2011 to January 2012), matched by time of year to reduce seasonal or climatic effects as  
105 far as possible. We searched for giraffe groups by driving a 4x4 vehicle at 20km/hr along pre-defined  
106 routes through each study site. Each route was driven in a randomised order and direction between

107 sunrise at 06:30 and sunset at 18:30 (UTC + 3h Standard Time), and the whole study site was  
108 searched each day.

109 A group of giraffes was defined as all individuals within 1km of each other and engaged in generally  
110 similar behaviour (Foster, 1966; Foster & Dagg, 1972; Leuthold, 1979; Le Pendu *et al.*, 2000; Carter,  
111 2013). Each group was observed for a minimum of 30 minutes, to ensure that all group members  
112 were seen and reliably identified.

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#### 114 *Individual covariates: sex and age*

115 In line with previous studies (Foster, 1966; Foster & Dagg, 1972; Pratt & Anderson, 1979, 1985;  
116 Young & Isbell, 1991; van der Jeugd & Prins, 2000; Le Pendu *et al.*, 2000) we used four age classes:  
117 juvenile (<12 months), subadult (12 months to <4 years), adult ( $\geq 4$  years) and big bulls (mature adult  
118 males with dark coats and skull nodules,  $\geq 9$  years old) (Pellew, 1984; Pratt & Anderson, 1985; van  
119 der Jeugd & Prins, 2000; Berry & Bercovitch, 2012). All giraffes were individually identified, sexed  
120 and verified: see Muller (2018) for complete methodology.

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#### 122 *Habitat types*

123 Habitat was classified into three categories: *Acacia* woodland, mixed woodland and open plain.

124 *Acacia* woodland was any wooded area comprising  $\geq 85\%$  *Acacia* species. Mixed woodland was any  
125 wooded area comprising  $\leq 85\%$  *Acacia* species, and typically contained mixed tree and shrub species  
126 including *Euphorbia* spp., *Acacia* spp. and *Olea africana* (Mutangah, 1994). Open plain was any open  
127 savannah or grassland area.

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#### 129 *Data Analysis*

130 Records of group size were used in a one-way ANOVA to assess differences in mean group size, and  
131 in a Generalized Linear Mixed Model (GLMM) to determine which factors (population, age/sex class,  
132 habitat type, individual ID) affected group size across the two study populations. Population, age/sex  
133 class and habitat type were set as fixed effects. We accounted for the fact that individual giraffes  
134 could be seen in different groups by including 'giraffe (individual ID)' and 'group' as random effects  
135 to control for the non-independence of the group data. Since the group size distribution for each  
136 population was positively skewed (Fig. 2) we used a GLMM with a negative binomial error structure,  
137 which is appropriate for count data that are over-dispersed (Ridout *et al.*, 1998; Gschlößl & Czado,  
138 2008; Lindén & Mäntyniemi, 2011). The outcome of the GLMM was the group size in which an  
139 individual was found for a particular observation. Since individuals were observed repeatedly in  
140 different groups, individual was included as a random effect. An additional random effect for group  
141 was included since individuals within are not independent. All analyses were carried out in R 3.4.3  
142 using the lme4 and gamlss.mx packages (R Development Core Team, 2013; Bates *et al.*, 2014).

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## 144 **Results**

145 There were 77 giraffes in SC (7 big bulls, 6 male adults, 12 male subadults, 16 female adults, 10  
146 female subadults and 26 juveniles) and 89 giraffes in LNNP (11 big bulls, 19 male adults, 10 male  
147 subadults, 40 female adults, 4 female subadults and 5 juveniles); see Muller (2018) for discussion.  
148 We collected 591 records of group size: 298 groups in SC, 293 in LNNP. Group sizes were larger in SC  
149 (mean = 7.8, SD = 7.2, 95% CI 6.7, 9.1, min = 1, max = 37) than LNNP (mean = 5.3, SD = 5.5, 95% CI  
150 4.7, 5.9, min = 1, max = 28). Lone individuals were common and accounted for 17.5% of all giraffe  
151 groups in SC and 24.7% in LNNP. Of these lone individuals, 84.9% and 76.6% were males in SC and  
152 LNNP respectively. Mean group sizes were not significantly different between habitat types within  
153 each population; SC: *Acacia* woodland = 11.6, mixed woodland = 6.2, open plain = 7.3 ( $F(2, 47) =$   
154  $2.432, p = 0.099$ ); LNNP: *Acacia* woodland = 4.8, mixed woodland = 4.9, open plain = 6.3 ( $F(2, 309) =$



155 2.145,  $p = 0.119$ ), but the proportion of groups observed in each habitat type differed between the  
156 two populations; in LNNP, 29% of groups were observed in *Acacia* woodland, 39% in Mixed  
157 woodland and 32% in open plain. In SC, 20% of groups were observed in *Acacia* woodland, 55% in  
158 mixed woodland and 25% in open plain.

159 A GLMM with population, habitat type and age/sex class as fixed effects and giraffe (individual ID)  
160 and group as random effects showed that the age/sex \* habitat type \* population interaction was  
161 significant (LRT chi-squared = 33.10, df = 20,  $p = 0.0329$ ) (Fig. 3). We investigated the source of the  
162 interaction by analysing the effects of habitat type and population for each age/sex category  
163 separately (Table 2). There was no significant habitat \* population interaction for adult males, bulls,  
164 adult females or juveniles. Group sizes tended to be highest in open plain (significantly higher than  
165 mixed woodland for all four of these age-sex categories), lowest in mixed woodland and  
166 intermediate in *Acacia* woodland.

167 For bulls, adult females and juveniles (but not adult males), group sizes were higher in SC than LNNP.  
168 For subadult males and subadult females there were significant Habitat \* Population interactions.  
169 For subadult males, this was because group sizes were higher in SC than LNNP only for *Acacia*  
170 woodland; mixed woodland showed a non-significant trend in the same direction ( $p = 0.0712$ ). For  
171 subadult females the pattern was more complex; groups sizes were significantly higher in SC than  
172 LNNP in *Acacia* woodland, but the reverse was true for mixed woodland.

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#### 174 *Analysis without juveniles*

175 To remove the artefacts of the presence of more juveniles *per se*, most notably in SC, driving up  
176 group size, we repeated the GLMM without including juveniles in the counts. The AgeSex \* Habitat \*  
177 Population interaction was significant (LRT = 31.66, d.f. = 16,  $p = 0.0111$ ; Fig. 4), so we investigated  
178 the source of the interaction by analysing the effects of habitat type and population for each age/sex

179 category separately (Table 3). For adult males, bulls and adult females, there was no significant  
180 Habitat \* Population interaction, so we can readily interpret the main effects. Group sizes tend to be  
181 highest in open plain (significantly higher than mixed woodland for all three of these age/sex  
182 categories), with *Acacia* woodland intermediate. For bulls, but not adult males or females, group  
183 sizes were higher in SC than LNNP. For subadult males and females there were significant Habitat \*  
184 Population interactions. For subadult males, this was because group sizes were higher in SC than  
185 LNNP only for *Acacia* woodland. For subadult females, the pattern was more complex; group sizes  
186 were significantly higher in SC than LNNP in *Acacia* woodland, but the reverse was true for mixed  
187 woodland. Mean group sizes are displayed in Fig. 4.

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#### 189 *Analysis of groups sizes in females with and without calves*

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191 To determine whether groups were bigger in SC due to the presence of more juveniles pushing up  
192 mean group size, or if females were altering their behaviour because they had calves, we analysed  
193 group sizes in females with and without calves. We refer to a female's status as having dependent  
194 calves or not as Parity. The response variable was group size not including calves. The Parity x  
195 Habitat \* Population interaction was not significant (LRT = 0.70, d.f. = 2,  $p = 0.7034$ ), so we then  
196 tested the two way interactions. Of these, only Population \* Habitat was significant (Population \*  
197 Parity: LRT = 0.26, d.f. = 1,  $p = 0.6121$ ; Parity \* Habitat: LRT = 2.59, d.f. = 2,  $p = 0.2745$ ; Population \*  
198 Habitat: LRT = 13.49, d.f. = 2,  $p = 0.0012$ ). The Population \* Habitat interaction has already been  
199 analysed so is not discussed further here. The main effect of Parity was also significant (LRT = 4.14,  
200 d.f. = 1,  $p = 0.0417$ ). Females with calves were found in smaller groups (by about 1 animal; Fig. 5),  
201 but this did not interact with the habitat and population differences already identified.

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## 203 **Discussion**

204 Knowledge of a species' behaviour and ecology is important for management and conservation  
205 (Sutherland, 1998) yet despite their prominence, giraffes are understudied in relation to other  
206 African mammals. Information about the social organisation of giraffes is confusing and  
207 contradictory, and factors influencing grouping behaviour are poorly understood. It is widely  
208 perceived that grouping behaviour in mammals is an anti-predator response, with most mammals  
209 exhibiting larger group sizes with increasing predation risk (Elgar, 1989; Wrona & Dixon, 1991;  
210 Krause & Ruxton, 2002). Our overarching hypothesis was that if predation is a driver of grouping  
211 behaviour in giraffes, then group sizes should be larger in the area with a high density of lions  
212 (LNNP). We set out to quantify the relative influence of habitat type, social factors and risk of  
213 predation risk on giraffe grouping behaviour.

214 Group size distribution was positively skewed in both populations with a high frequency of lone  
215 individuals, as in other studies (Foster & Dagg, 1972; Leuthold, 1979; van der Jeugd & Prins, 2000; Le  
216 Pendu *et al.*, 2000; Bercovitch & Berry, 2010; VanderWaal *et al.*, 2014). Lone individuals were more  
217 frequent in LNNP, probably due to the higher proportion of adult males (33% big bulls and adult  
218 males, vs. 17% in SC) which frequently roam alone (Foster & Dagg, 1972; Dagg & Foster, 1976;  
219 Bercovitch & Berry, 2014). Mean group size was smaller in LNNP, which is the opposite of what we  
220 expected, if predation was a driver of aggregations in giraffes. However, further analysis which  
221 accounted for habitat type, individual covariates and population, showed that the relationship  
222 between these variables and group size was complex.

223 To account for the effects of juveniles pushing up group sizes in SC, re-analysis after removal of  
224 juveniles confirmed that there was a significant influence of age/sex on group size. We found  
225 significant interactions between age/sex, habitat and population, but these patterns were also  
226 complex. Group sizes for males (adult males, subadult males and bulls; Fig. 4) were largest in the  
227 open plain habitat type, and generally smaller in LNNP. For females (adult and subadult), results

228 were mixed (Fig. 4). Our hypothesis that group sizes will be larger in the area with a high risk of  
229 predation was not supported, and our results highlight the complexity of factors contributing to  
230 group size in giraffes.

231 The hypothesis that females form larger groups when they have calves was not supported, and the  
232 opposite was true; females were found in smaller groups when they had calves. We found no  
233 evidence that increased mean group size in SC was due to females altering their behaviour to group  
234 with others when they had calves. Because the calves are counted as group members it seems most  
235 likely that the increased group size is solely because there are more calves, not because the females  
236 are joining together with other females to form creches. Although calves are typically found with  
237 their mothers, it appears unlikely that they contribute to their mother's decision to join or leave a  
238 group. Therefore, group sizes are not constrained by demography – rather, adults maintain their  
239 typical grouping patterns, but group sizes are smaller in LNNP due to the reduction in numbers of  
240 juveniles (Brenneman *et al.*, 2009). Numerous sources in the literature describe how female giraffes  
241 form creche groups to care for their young (Langman, 1977; Leuthold & Leuthold, 1978; Horwich *et*  
242 *al.*, 1983; Pratt & Anderson, 1985) and some evidence of alloparental care has been reported (Dagg  
243 & Foster, 1976; Pratt & Anderson, 1979; Gloneková, Brandlová & Pluháček, 2016). However, our  
244 results show that contrary to popular belief, females with calves are found in smaller groups than  
245 females without calves.

246 If giraffes gain predation protection benefits through grouping, then we would expect the group  
247 sizes to be larger in LNNP across all habitat types. However we found no evidence for this, and our  
248 results support previous studies which also reported smaller group sizes in the presence of predators  
249 (Creel *et al.*, 2014), and that the rate of vigilance scanning in giraffes is not modified by changes in  
250 group size (Cameron & du Toit, 2005).

251 Our study is the first to examine two separate populations of giraffes within the same biome to  
252 attempt to understand the relative combined effects of predation, habitat and demographic factors

253 on grouping behaviour. We demonstrate that the presence of juveniles can artificially inflate group  
254 size results, and we suggest caution of over-interpretation of studies which do not account for this.  
255 We suggest that predator avoidance is not the main driver of giraffe grouping behaviour, but rather  
256 that social and habitat factors are likely to play an important role. We identify that removal of  
257 juveniles is potentially a problem in enclosed environments with high lion densities, which alters the  
258 greater social landscape for affected animal species. However, poor recruitment could also be due to  
259 other factors which cannot be ruled out, i.e. disturbance of foraging or reproductive activities by  
260 tourism, in-breeding factors, local environmental factors including food quality and availability, or  
261 differences in female fecundity, sexual receptivity, or harassment by bulls. The incongruous nature  
262 of group sizes of giraffes across Africa could be due to individuals adapting to local environmental  
263 conditions, but it is becoming clear that social factors are also important influencing variables.  
264 Variations could also be due to unknown taxonomic differences, given the uncertainty and ongoing  
265 debate over the taxonomic status of giraffes ( Brown *et al.*, 2007; Groves & Grubb, 2011; Bercovitch  
266 & Deacon, 2015; Fennessy *et al.*, 2016; Bercovitch *et al.*, 2017). We highlight the need for further  
267 research into this iconic species, and hope that our results contribute to the ongoing efforts to  
268 understand giraffe behaviour and ecology.

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435 **Table 1** Published reports of giraffe group size data. NR = Not reported. <sup>†</sup>Study looked at males only.

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438 **Table 2** Results from separate GLMMs on effect of Habitat (H) and Population (P) for each age/sex  
439 category (AdM: adult male; SubM: subadult male; Bull; AdF: adult female; SubF: subadult female;  
440 Juv: juvenile). If the Habitat \* Population interaction was significant, the main effects are not  
441 interpretable and, instead, separate GLMMs for the effect of Population are presented (as SC vs  
442 LNNP) for each habitat type (MW: mixed woodland; AW: *Acacia* woodland; OP: open plain). Values  
443 in each cell are likelihood ratio tests (p-values in italics). If the Habitat \* Population interaction was  
444 not significant, main effects of Habitat and Population are presented, and separate analyses of  
445 Population differences for each Habitat are not applicable (na). Instead, where the main effect of  
446 Habitat was significant, t-tests (and p-values in brackets) of pair-wise contrasts between habitats are  
447 presented. The degrees of freedom for Habitat and the Habitat \* Population interaction was 2; for  
448 Population and pair-wise Habitat contrasts d.f. = 1. Significant effects are in bold.

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450 **Table 3** Results from separate GLMMs on effect of Habitat (H) and Population (P) for each age/sex  
451 category (AdM: adult male; SubM: subadult male; Bull; AdF: adult female; SubF: subadult female). If  
452 the Habitat \* Population interaction was significant, the main effects are not interpretable and,  
453 instead, separate GLMMs for the effect of Population are presented for each habitat type (MW:  
454 mixed woodland; AW: *Acacia* woodland; OP: open plain). Values in each cell are likelihood ratio tests  
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456 contrasts between habitats. If the Habitat \* Population interaction was not significant, main effects  
457 of Habitat and Population are presented, and separate analyses for each Habitat are not applicable  
458 (na). The degrees of freedom for Habitat and the Habitat \* Population interaction was 2; for  
459 Population and pair-wise Habitat contrasts d.f. = 1. Significant effects are in bold.

**Figure 1** Location of the study sites in the Great Rift Valley region of Kenya. Base map provided by Google Maps 2018.

**Figure 2** Frequency distributions of samples of group size for each study population.

**Figure 3** Mean group size of giraffes in each study site, split by age/sex class (AdM = adult male, SubM = subadult male, Bull = big bull, AdF = adult female, SubF = subadult female, Juv = juvenile) and habitat type (AW = *Acacia* woodland, MW = mixed woodland, OP = open plain).

**Figure 4** Mean group size of giraffes in each study site, following removal of juveniles. Abbreviations as in Fig. 3.

**Figure 5** Mean group size of adult females, with and without calves, split by study site and habitat type. Abbreviations as in Fig. 3.

Age/ Author (Year) Sex	HxP Study	Habitat Study site and region	AW-MW Subspecies	OP-AW Length, season (if reported)	Population of study	SC - LNNP MW	SC - LNNP AW	SC - Total population	SC - LNNP Op
Fennessy (2004)		Kunene Region, Northern Namib Desert, Namibia	<i>G. c. angolensis</i>	Long term data; 1981 to 2000		No		NR	
Fennessy (2004)		Northern Namib Desert, Namibia - Khumib River (KR) - Hoarusib River (HR) - Hoanib River (HbR)	<i>G. c. angolensis</i>	Observed on a monthly basis over two-year period; 2002 and 2003		No		NR	
Brand (2007)		Etosha National Park, Namibia	<i>G. c. angolensis</i>	May to December 2004, and March to December 2005		No		Estimated population 3550	
Carter <i>et al.</i> (2013a)		Etosha National Park, Namibia	<i>G. c. angolensis</i>	May 2009 to June 2010		No		535 individuals in study area (3550 estimated in park)	
Malyjurkova <i>et al.</i> (2014)		Bandia reserve, Senegal	<i>G. c. giraffa</i>	January to March 2013; dry season		Yes, 35km <sup>2</sup>		28	
Ciofolo (1995)		Niger, 100km south-east of Niamey	<i>G. c. peralta</i>	June to November 1990		No		50 – 100 individuals	
Le Pendu <i>et al.</i> (2000)		Niger, 100km south-east of Niamey	<i>G. c. peralta</i>	October 1996 to December 1997		No		63	
Shorrocks & Croft (2009)		Mpala Research Centre, Laikipia, Kenya	<i>G. c. reticulata</i>	Two four-week periods in March/April 2005 and March/April 2006		No		133 individuals used in study (total population NR)	
VanderWaal <i>et al.</i> (2014)		Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Laikipia, Kenya	<i>G. c. reticulata</i>	One year; 2011		Yes, 365km <sup>2</sup>		212	
Bercovitch & Berry (2010)		Luangwa Valley, Zambia	<i>G. c. thornicrofti</i>	August 1971 to October 2005		No		600	
Berry & Bercovitch (2015) <sup>†</sup>		Luangwa Valley, Zambia	<i>G. c. thornicrofti</i>	August 1971 to October 2005		No		600	
Foster & Dagg (1972)		Nairobi National Park, Kenya	<i>G. c.</i> <i>tippelskirchi</i>	1965 to 1968		Yes, 117km <sup>2</sup>		250	
Leuthold (1979)		Tsavo East National Park, Kenya	<i>G. c.</i> <i>tippelskirchi</i>	August 1970 to October 1974		No		Unknown	
van der Jeugd & Prins (2000)		Lake Manyara National Park, Tanzania	<i>G. c.</i> <i>tippelskirchi</i>	June to October 1991; dry season		Yes, 325km <sup>2</sup>		101 individuals identified	

AdM	3.00 <i>0.2229</i>	<b>16.01</b> <b><i>0.0003</i></b>	<b>2.20</b> <b><i>0.0278</i></b>	<b>4.01</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	1.63 <i>0.1029</i>	0.04 <i>0.8468</i>	na	na	na
SubM	<b>6.33</b> <b><i>0.0422</i></b>	na	na	na	na	na	3.25 <i>0.0712</i>	<b>11.03</b> <b><i>0.0009</i></b>	0.01 <i>0.9254</i>
Bull	1.88 <i>0.3901</i>	<b>10.90</b> <b><i>0.0043</i></b>	0.51 <i>0.6122</i>	<b>2.87</b> <b><i>0.0042</i></b>	<b>3.27</b> <b><i>0.0011</i></b>	<b>8.47</b> <b><i>0.0036</i></b>	na	na	na
AdF	0.88 <i>0.6455</i>	<b>59.48</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>3.89</b> <b><i>0.0001</i></b>	<b>8.18</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>3.28</b> <b><i>0.0011</i></b>	<b>30.35</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	na	na	na
SubF	<b>14.94</b> <b><i>0.0006</i></b>	na	na	na	na	na	<b>6.36</b> <b><i>0.0117</i></b>	<b>8.43</b> <b><i>0.0037</i></b>	2.41 <i>0.1204</i>
Juv	3.95 <i>0.1384</i>	<b>18.48</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>0.64</b> <i>0.5210</i>	<b>4.74</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>2.49</b> <b><i>0.0131</i></b>	<b>26.60</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	na	na	na

Age/ Sex	HxP	Habitat	AW-MW	OP-MW	OP-AW	Population	SC - LNNP in MW	SC - LNNP in AW	SC - LNNP in OP
AdM	2.43 <i>0.29615</i>	<b>19.27</b> <b><i>0.0001</i></b>	<b>2.588</b> <b><i>0.0097</i></b>	<b>4.38</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	1.62 <i>0.1064</i>	1.61 <i>0.2051</i>	na	na	na
SubM	<b>6.09</b> <b><i>0.0477</i></b>	na	na	na	na	na	0.17 <i>0.6770</i>	<b>7.77</b> <b><i>0.0053</i></b>	0.17 <i>0.6731</i>
Bull	2.06 <i>0.3571</i>	<b>10.98</b> <b><i>0.0041</i></b>	0.23 <i>0.8204</i>	<b>3.18</b> <b><i>0.0015</i></b>	<b>3.31</b> <b><i>0.00098</i></b>	<b>4.12</b> <b><i>0.0424</i></b>	na	na	na
AdF	5.38 <i>0.0678</i>	<b>67.92</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>5.31</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>8.62</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>2.37</b> <b><i>0.0178</i></b>	1.55 <i>0.2136</i>	na	na	na
SubF	<b>21.20</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	na	na	na	na	na	<b>18.81</b> <b><i>&lt;0.0001</i></b>	<b>5.07</b> <b><i>0.0243</i></b>	0.23 <i>0.6288</i>











