



Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe

If you think all cheetahs look the same, check again! Although at first sight you might not see any differences, at second sight you will find that each cheetah has unique distinctive features within its spot pattern. Recognition of individual animals allows researchers to determine population densities, distribution, movement patterns, home range use, lifespan and reproduction.

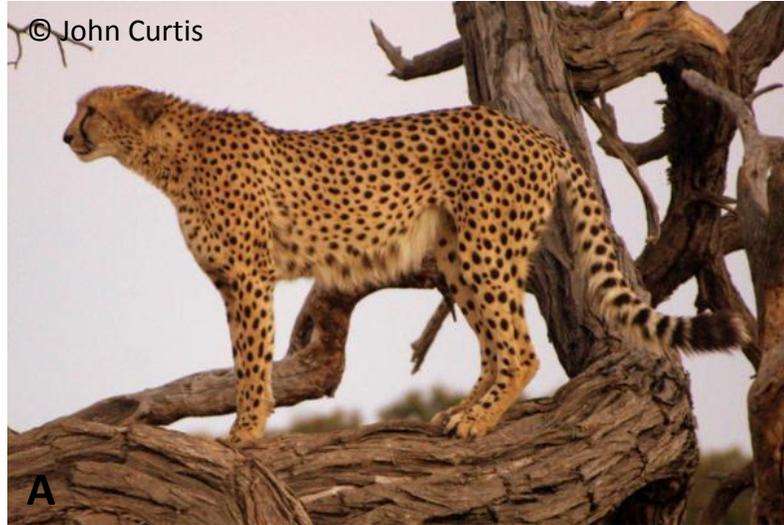
The Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe uses photographic identification as a simple non invasive method to identify individual cheetahs. They collect sightings and pictures from cheetahs all over Zimbabwe which they add to their National ID database. The identified individuals in the data base help to provide the project with information about the cheetah distribution in the country.

More information about cheetah and the Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe can be found at

www.cheetahzimbabwe.org

Spot the difference

Test whether you can spot the difference and determine how many different cheetahs can be seen in the pictures below



You will find the right answer at the back of this sheet



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The right answer is 2 cheetahs: the cheetah in picture A, C & D is the same animal, the cheetah in picture B is a different animal

HINT:

Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe generally chooses 3 unique spot markings to identify a cheetah. Check the circles, they show you which spots CCPZ has used to identify these two animals.

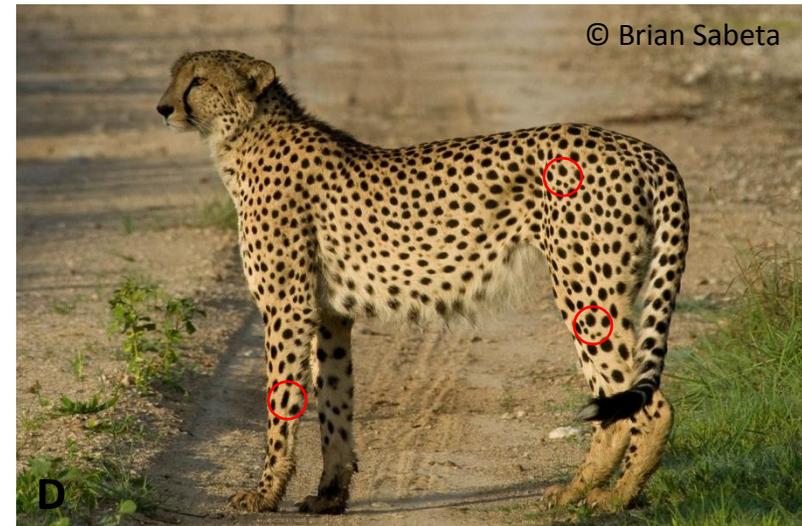
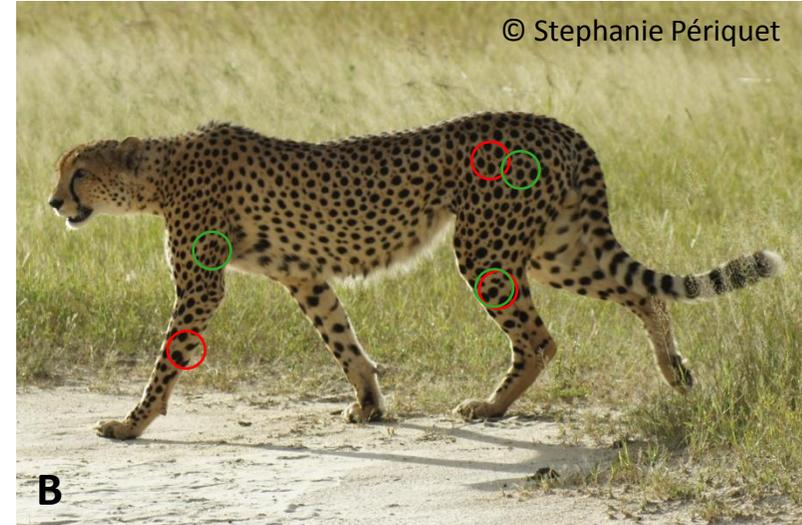
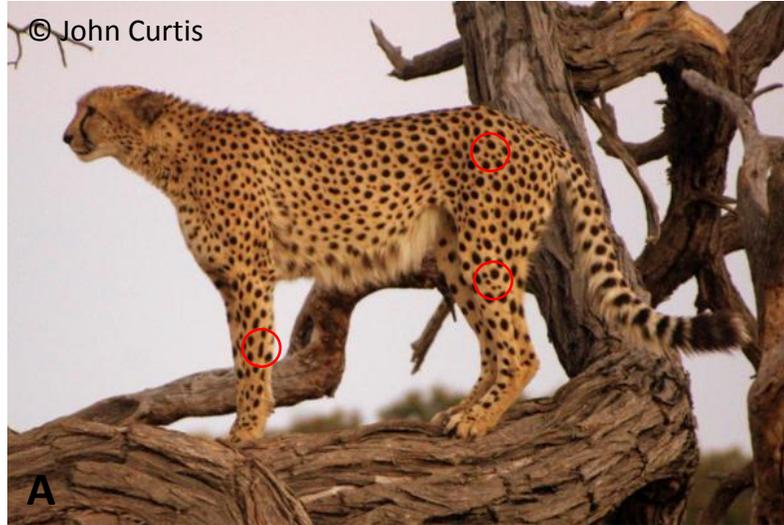


The red circles show you the places on the animal where there are spots that help to identify cheetah 1.



The green circles show the places on the animal where there are spots that help to identify cheetah 2.

To show you the difference between cheetah 1 and 2 we added the red circles to cheetah 2 as well.



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