

## MATURE CUBS: 1-2 years

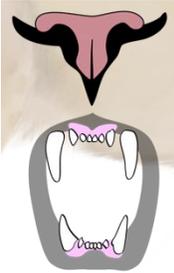
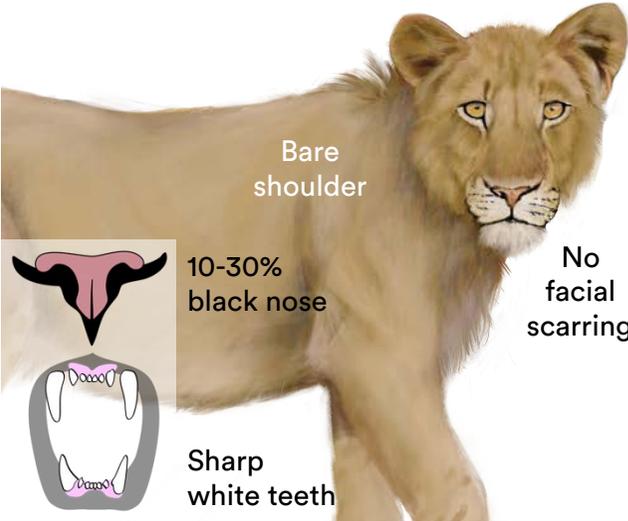
No forehead hair or short Mohawk

Bare shoulder

10-30% black nose

No facial scarring

Sharp white teeth



## PRIME ADULTS: 5-6 years

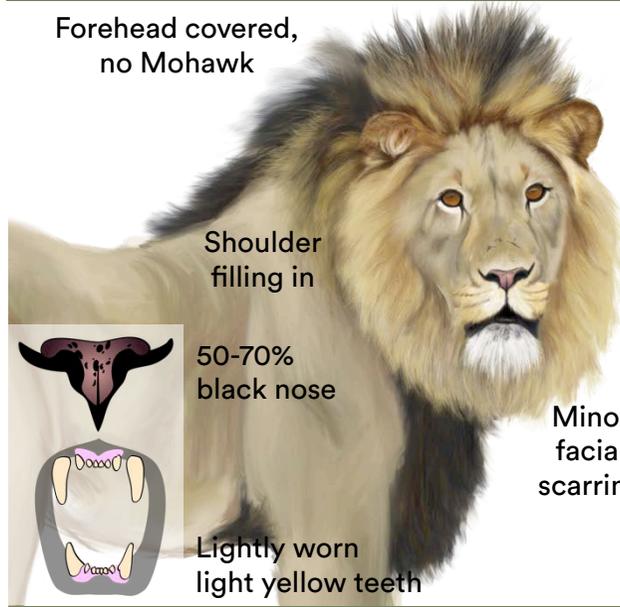
Forehead covered, no Mohawk

Shoulder filling in

50-70% black nose

Minor facial scarring

Lightly worn light yellow teeth



## AGING LIONS

FIELD GUIDE TO THE LIONS OF SOUTHERN AND HIGH-LYING AFRICA



Scientific research shows that lions can be classified into age classes using five key physical traits as indicators. Because some traits can vary between individual lions, always look at multiple traits to estimate a lion's age. For more extensive information on lion aging and biology, visit: [www.AgingTheAfricanLion.org](http://www.AgingTheAfricanLion.org)

## SUB-ADULTS: 3-4 years

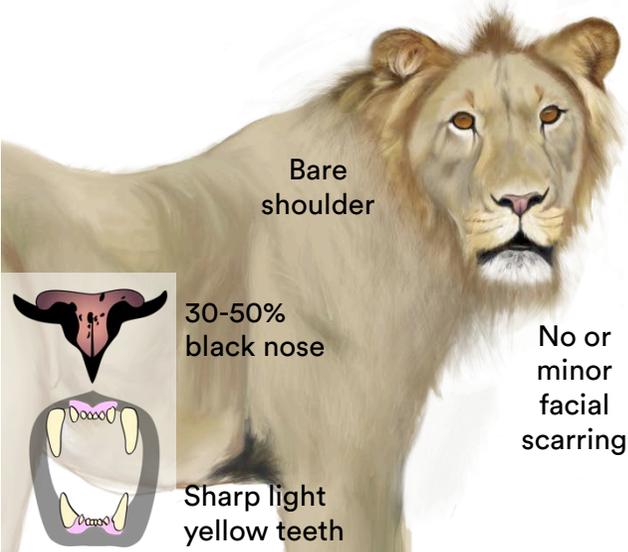
Short or long Mohawk

Bare shoulder

30-50% black nose

No or minor facial scarring

Sharp light yellow teeth



## OLDER ADULTS: 7 years & older

Slack jaw

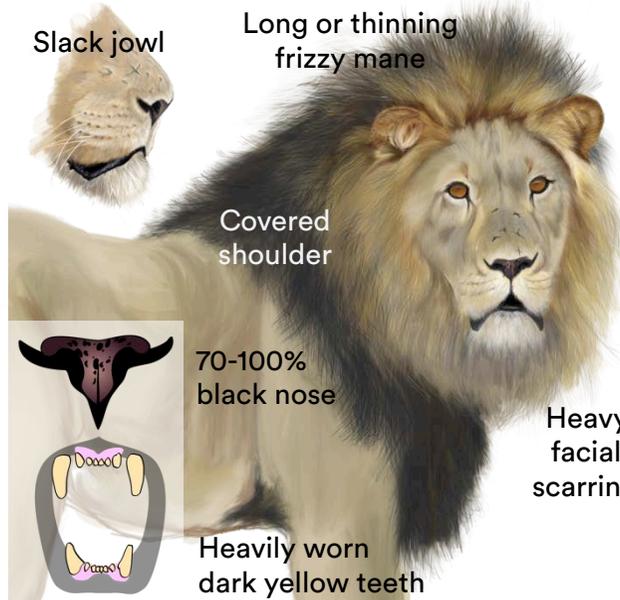
Long or thinning frizzy mane

Covered shoulder

70-100% black nose

Heavy facial scarring

Heavily worn dark yellow teeth



# HOW OLD IS YOUR LION? Choose the age class that best matches the appearance of your lion.

As lions age...	MATURE CUB 1-2 years	SUB-ADULT 3-4 years	PRIME ADULT 5-6 years	PRIME AND OLDER ADULTS 7-8 years	9 years & older
<b>NOSE COLOUR</b> darkens to black					
<b>TEETH</b> flatten and stain yellow					
<b>FACE</b> shows scarring and pocking					
<b>MANE</b> grows in as mohawk & on shoulders					
<b>JOWL SLACKNESS</b> when >7 years					