

MATURE CUBS: 1-2 years

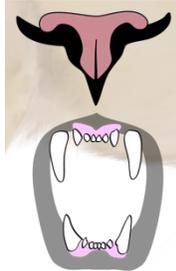
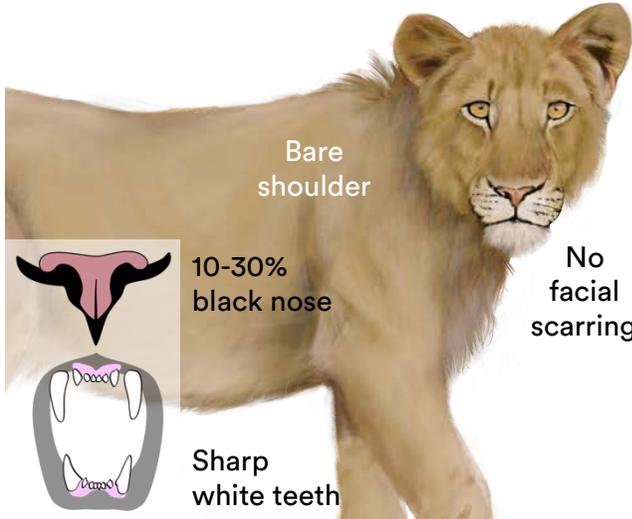
No forehead hair or short Mohawk

Bare shoulder

10-30% black nose

No facial scarring

Sharp white teeth



PRIME ADULTS: 5-6 years

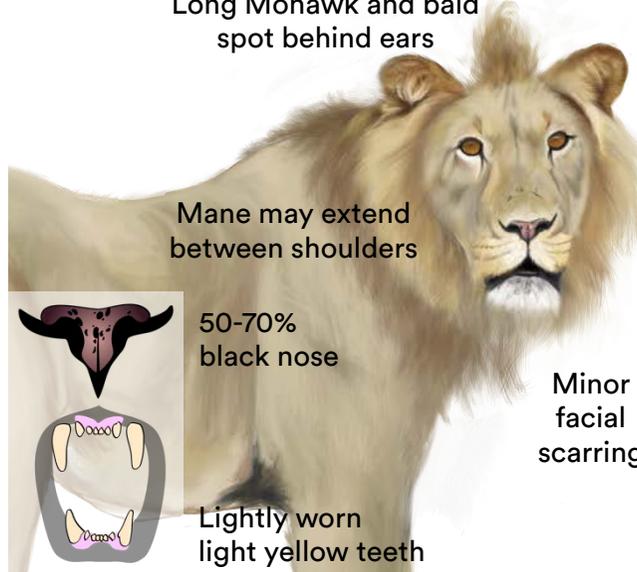
Long Mohawk and bald spot behind ears

Mane may extend between shoulders

50-70% black nose

Minor facial scarring

Lightly worn light yellow teeth



AGING LIONS

FIELD GUIDE TO THE LIONS OF WEST-CENTRAL AND EASTERN LOW-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

SUB-ADULTS: 3-4 years

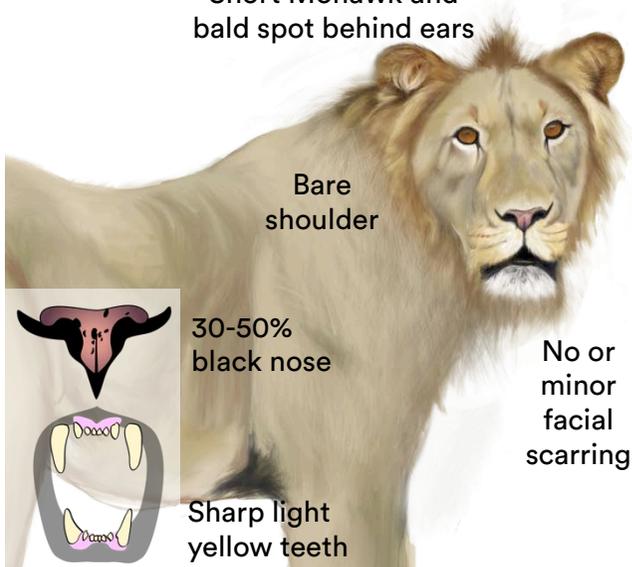
Short Mohawk and bald spot behind ears

Bare shoulder

30-50% black nose

No or minor facial scarring

Sharp light yellow teeth



OLDER ADULTS: 7 years & older

Slack jaw

Mohawk may still be present, mane filled in behind ears

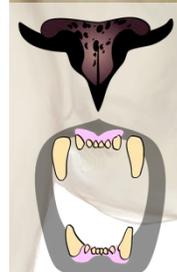
Covered shoulder

70-100% black nose

Full mane ring around face

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
NOSE COLOUR darkens to black					
TEETH flatten and stain yellow					
FACE shows scarring and pocking					
MANE grows in behind ears and as full ring around face					
JOWL SLACKNESS when >7 years				