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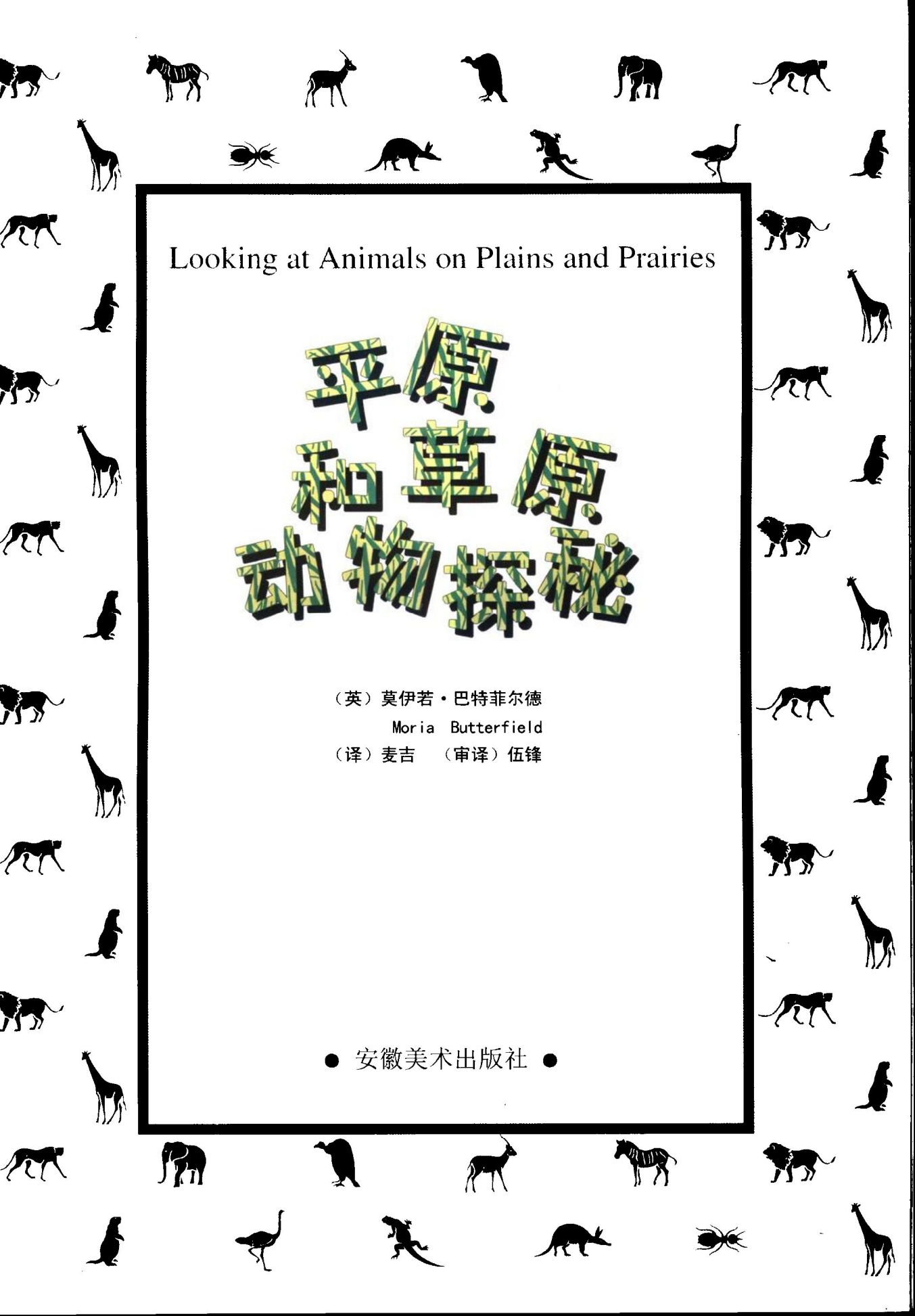
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## 引言 Introduction

平原和草原是大片的开阔地，那儿长满野草，但没有多少树。大多数平原和草原都是炎热的地方，但也有少数是寒冷的地方。

只吃植物的动物生活在这儿，因为这儿有足够的食物供它们咀嚼，这些动物被称为草食动物。

以捕杀其他动物为生的动物也生活在这儿，因为这儿有许多食物供它们捕杀。食肉为生的动物就叫肉食动物。

Plains and prairies are large open spaces where there is plenty of grass but not many trees. Most plains and prairies are hot places, but a few are cold.

Animals that eat only plants live here because there is plenty of food for them to munch. They are called herbivores.

Hunting animals live here because there is lots of food for them to catch and kill.

Animals that eat meat are called carnivores.



## 狮子 Lion

白天天气炎热时非洲狮倒头大睡，到夜里天气凉爽时它们是掠食者，四处游荡，寻找其他动物进行追击捕杀。一个狮子的家族称为狮群，狮宝宝叫做幼兽。雄狮长长的毛发叫做鬃毛。

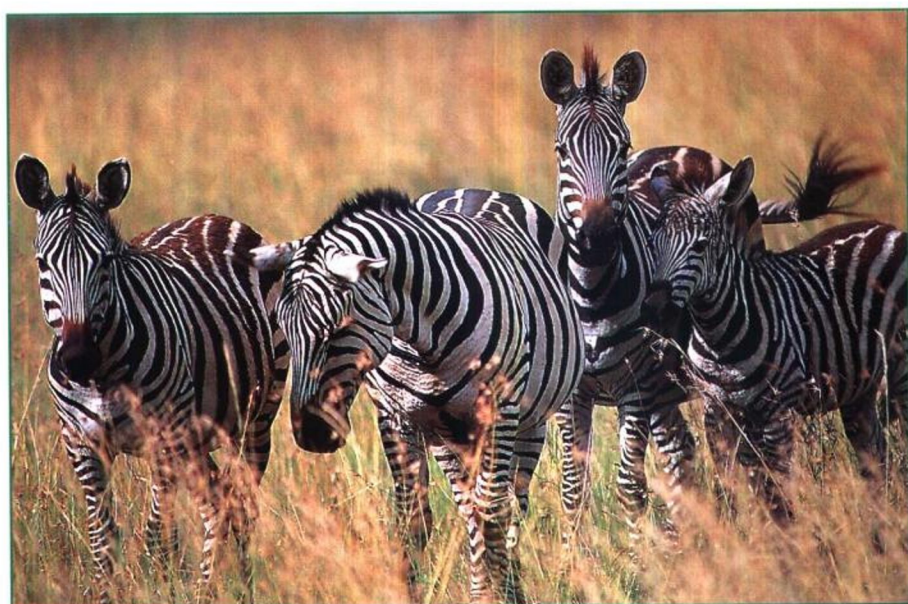
African lions sleep a lot during the day when it is hot. They are predators and prowl around at night when it is cool, looking for other animals to chase and kill. A family of lions is called a pride and baby lions are called cubs. A male lion has long hair called a mane.





## 斑马 Zebra

斑马成群地生活。它们在南非平原四处活动，找草吃，找水喝。它们的皮上都长着条形斑纹，但每匹斑马都有自己特殊的斑纹“图案”，有别于其他所有的斑马。



Zebras live in big groups called herds. They move around the plains of southern Africa looking for grass to eat and water to drink. They all have stripy coats but each animal has its own special pattern of stripes which is different from all the other Zebras.



## 瞪羚 Gazelle

瞪羚成群地生活在非洲平原上。许多猎食性动物喜欢吃它们。瞪羚走动吃草时边吃边听，戒备天敌。一旦听到任何声音，它们赶紧嗅嗅空气探索敌人是否就在附近。为了保命，瞪羚能奔跑如飞地逃生。

Gazelles live in herds on the African plains. Lots of hunting animals like to eat them. While they move around eating grass they listen for enemies. If they hear a noise they sniff the air to find out if their enemies are nearby. If they need to, gazelles can run fast to escape.





## 秃鹫 Vulture

秃鹫是“清洁夫”，专食腐尸，就是说它们不猎杀动物，只是寻找死了的动物为食。它们看得很远，嗅觉也很灵敏。它们常常一边张开巨大的翅膀在高空滑翔，一边向下俯视找寻食物。



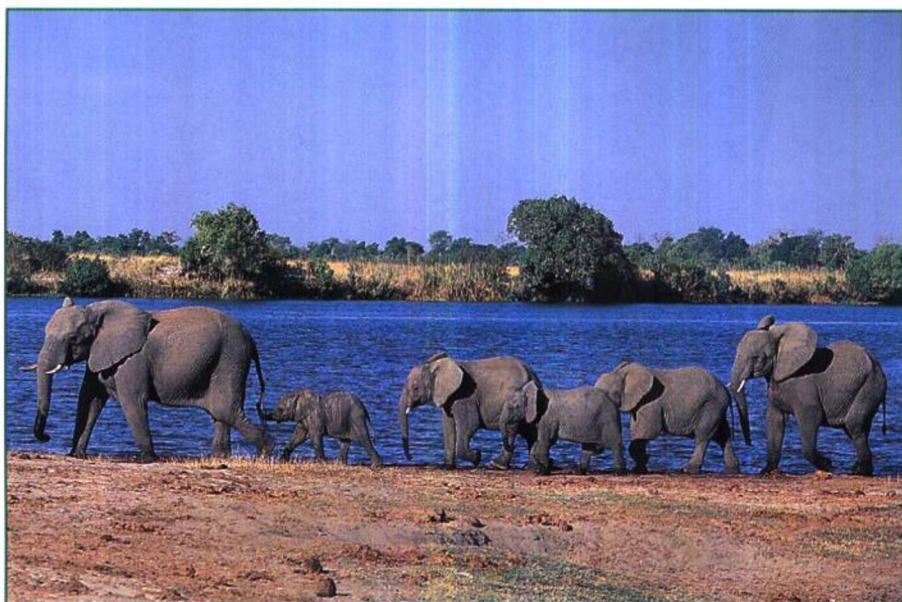
Vultures are scavengers. This means they do not hunt animals. Instead they find dead ones to eat. They can see a long way and they can smell very well too. They spread their big wings and glide high in the sky, looking down below for food to eat.



## 大象 Elephant

非洲象是生活在陆地上的最大动物。它需要大量食物，所以整天都在寻找野草和树叶填肚子。象宝宝跟妈妈和阿姨们生活在一起。如果一只狮子走得太近，最大的象就不客气地把它赶走。

The African elephant is the largest animal living on land. It needs a lot of food and it spends all day looking for grass and leaves to eat. Baby elephants live with their mother and their aunts. If a lion comes too near the biggest elephants chase it away.





## 猎豹 Cheetah

猎豹是生活在平坦的非洲平原上的一种大型猫科动物。它是一个凶猛的猎手，长着尖利的爪子和牙齿，捕食其他动物。它们是世界上跑得最快的动物，能跑得跟一辆奔驰中的汽车一样快，当然比人快多了。



The cheetah is a big cat that lives on the flat plains of Africa. It is a fierce hunter, with sharp claws and teeth. Cheetahs catch and eat other animals. They are the fastest animals in the world. A cheetah can run as fast as a speeding car and much faster than a person.