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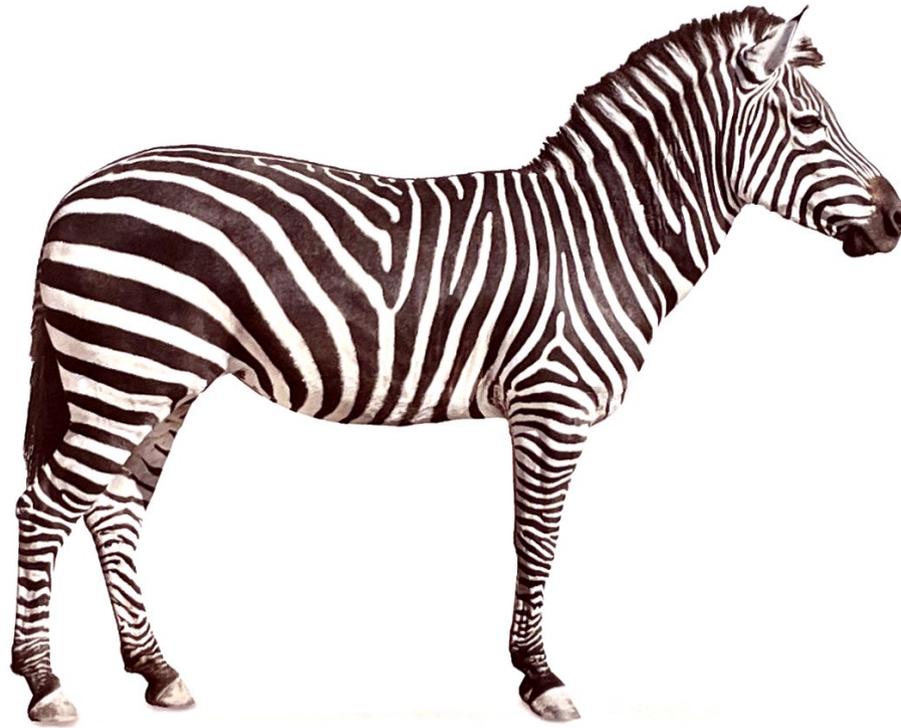
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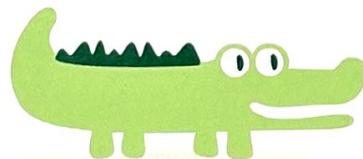
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## Zebra Habitat

Zebras live throughout eastern and southern Africa.





Plains zebras are the most common **species**. They live in large groups in **grasslands** and **semi-deserts**.





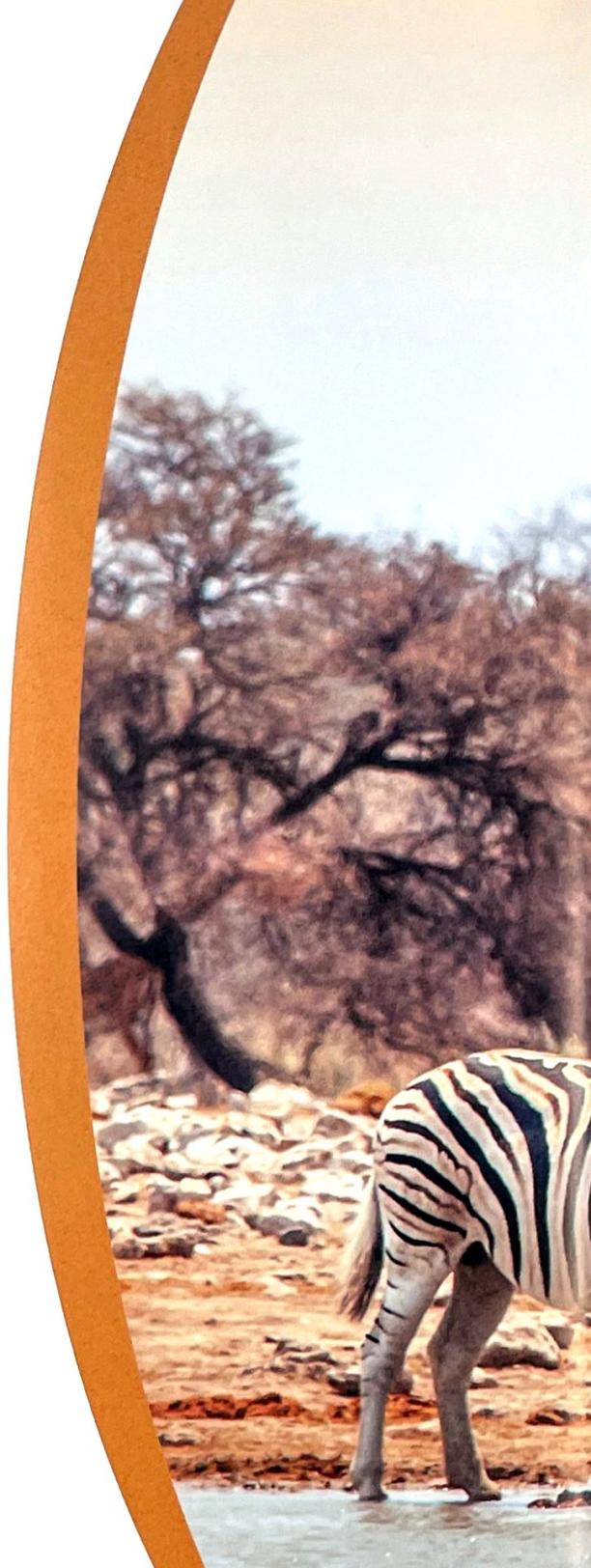
Zebras spend their days on the move. They are looking for fresh water and grass.





## Body

Plains zebras weigh between 440 to 990 pounds (200 to 449 kg). They are 3.5 to 5 feet (1.1 to 1.5 m) tall.

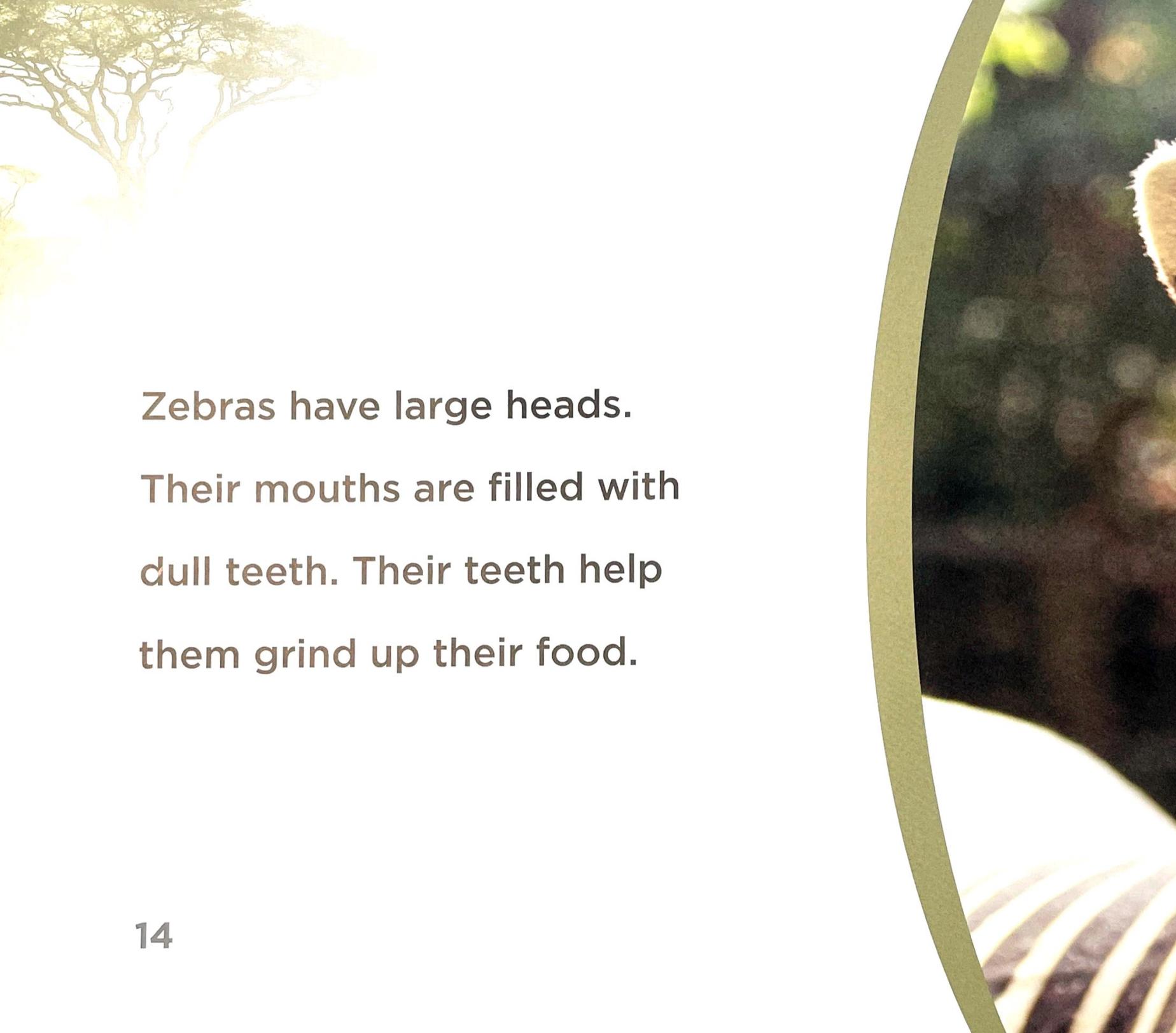




Like all zebras, plains zebras are covered in stripes. Their stripes might help protect them. Large **herds** mesh together, making it hard for **predators** to spot just one.







Zebras have large heads.  
Their mouths are filled with  
dull teeth. Their teeth help  
them grind up their food.

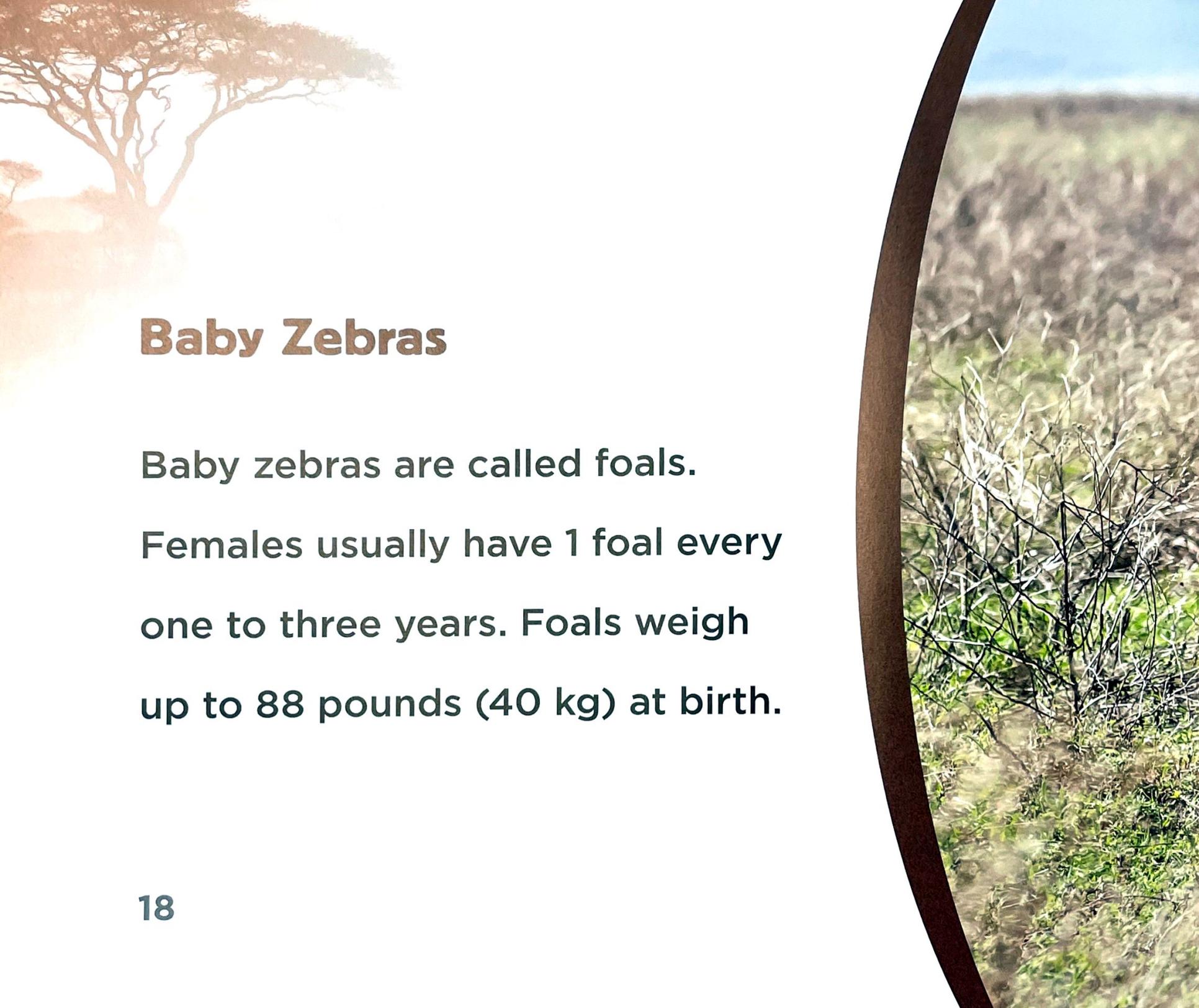


## Food

Zebras graze on grasses, roots, and other plants.





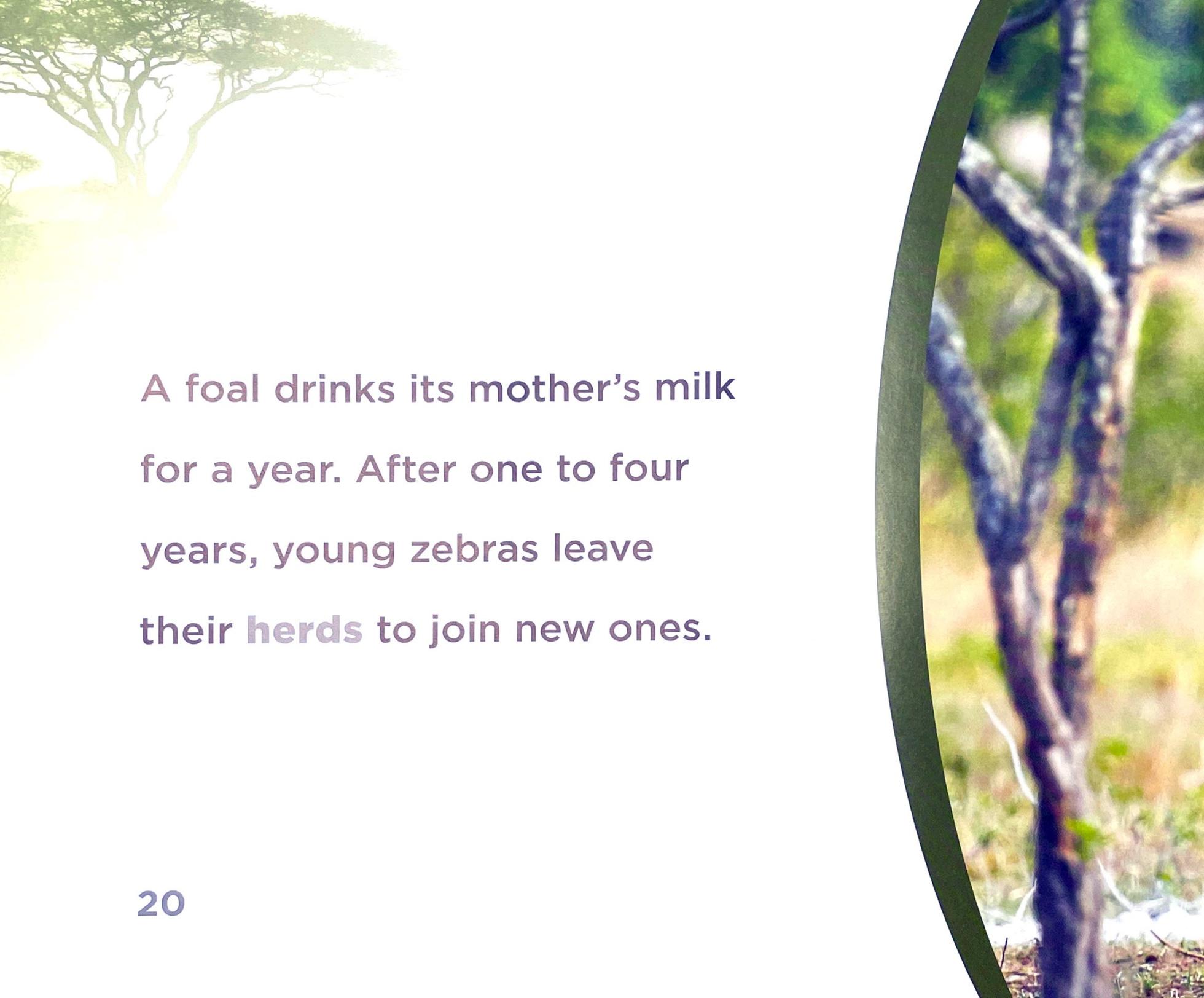


## **Baby Zebras**

Baby zebras are called foals.

Females usually have 1 foal every one to three years. Foals weigh up to 88 pounds (40 kg) at birth.





A foal drinks its mother's milk  
for a year. After one to four  
years, young zebras leave  
their **herds** to join new ones.





## **More Facts**

- **Zebras talk to each other using sounds, like barking, braying, and snorting. They also use facial expressions. They show their teeth, and move their ears and eyes.**
- **A zebra's teeth never stop growing. Its constant chewing helps grind them down.**
- **No zebra has the same stripes. Scientists think zebras can tell one another apart.**

# Glossary

**grassland** - a large area of land covered by grass.

**graze** - to feed on land covered by grass.

**herd** - any group of wild animals that travel and feed together.

**predator** - an animal that hunts other animals for food.

**semi-desert** - an area that gets little to no rain and is often located between desert and grassland.

**species** - a group of living things that look alike and make young together.



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