

## Larger Carnivores of the African Savannas

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Bothma and Walker are acknowledged experts on the carnivores of Africa, and provide in-depth information about lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, wild dog, spotted hyaena, striped hyaena, brown hyaena and aardwolf. Data is provided on social behaviour; reproduction and young; range use; activity and movement; feeding ecology; relationship with other wildlife; and population dynamics.

The data are drawn from a wide range of publications, and for each species there is a valuable bibliography. However, the data in the text are not referenced and so it is not easy to identify the sources.

The book is illustrated with photos and Walker's excellent drawings.

Peter Jackson