

## Re: lions & savannah

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Jim McGinn wrote:

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If you ever again see someone claim that hominids on the savannah might have prevented Lion attack by throwing rocks, refer them to the video below. Warning: because the humans have high-powered rifles, this video has some portions that may be troubling to those who respect animals, and the same site of origin has other videos that demonstrate amply how helpless we are against lions...in the worst possible way. I strongly suggest that those not be watched at all.

<http://www.insaneclips.com/lionhuntingvideo.php>

—Gerard Michael Burns at AAT

This is one of the most amazing videos I've ever seen.

I agree. And I have always maintained that rock-throwing and/or stick-wielding would have been all but worthless against these kind of

ANd yet, there are humans who do this one on one...

<http://www.maasai-association.org/lion.html>

Facing the Lion: by Maasai Warriors  
How do Maasai warriors hunt lions?

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Lion hunting is an ancient practice that played an important role in the Maasai culture.

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The Maasai believe that females are the bearers of life in every species. As a such, it is prohibited to hunt a female lion ...

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It is not easy to hunt a lion alone. However, a majority of Maasai warriors have done it.

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Fighting a lion inside intensely vegetated area can be extremely dangerous. The lion is as smart as men, and can maneuver through the bushes faster than a human being. For this reason, the Maasai warriors prefer to fight lions in the open plains. This is the best decision to make and best place to be. By doing so, the warrior would give a lion a chance to fight. Lion hunting is all about challenging another creature without cheating. Facing a lion in the open savanna is a memory of a life time!

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The warriors do not need to attend a gym, and do not need a rifle for lion hunting. All you need is one spear and one shield. Keep in mind that many warriors have been lost to lions.

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Facts about lion hunting by warriors

Imagine having a lion three meters away from you! Hunting a lion with a spear and shield is an experience of a lifetime.

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killing machines. And then consider the fact that A'pith were shorter and slighter than modern humans and the Sabertoothed lion were even bigger and more muscular than present day lions. It's a done deal. The only place A'pith could have survived an attack by a lion is to get high in a tree. And considering the lions speed--and this amazing video leaves no doubt about their speed--we can be fairly certain that they never ventured more than 50 or maybe a 100 yards from the safety of trees.

The conventional notion that the earliest hominids lived a lifestyle that can loosely be described as migratory and/or seasonally migratory (one of the assumptions of the Hunter-gatherer paradigm of modern anthropology) is completely refuted by the realization that they could not possibly have survived the predatory implications associated with savanna habitat if they lived that kind of lifestyle. This fact in conjunction with the patchiness of the forested patches in this mosaic habitat (monsoon forest habitat) dictate the conclusion that they lived a situated, communal, territorial existence even in the earliest years of hominid evolution.

It's unfortunate that modern paleoanthropology is so intent upon forcing down our throats the conclusion that the earliest A'pith ancestors were migratory and/or seasonally migratory.

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