

LONG & LIMBER

How many bones does a giraffe have in its neck? The answer is 7, the same amount as in humans and other mammals! Instead of having more bones in their neck to make it long, giraffe neck bones, called vertebrae, are just long themselves. Just one of these neck vertebrae can be over 10 inches long!

Giraffes have purple tongues!
This odd coloration is actually thought to protect the tongue from sunburn, since giraffes need to frequently stick their tongue out of their mouth to grab and eat leaves.



