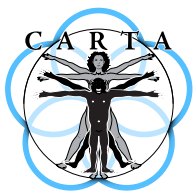




ANTHROPO + GENY = HUMAN ORIGINS



This calendar invites you to experience the remarkable flora, fauna, and landscapes encountered during the summer 2025 Anthropogeny Field Course organized by the **Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny (CARTA)**.

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ABOUT THE PHOTOS

ABOVE: A chimpanzee foraging for the seeds of a miombo tree (*Brachystegia spiciformis*) at Issa Valley, Tanzania.

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This stately lion's (*Panthera leo*) captivating presence makes one wish to see the world through his eyes. What might we learn about the world we share and, perhaps, ourselves as drivers of ecosystem change? The mane of male lions is an epigamic trait (honest signaling of mate quality) as it reflects age, health, and testosterone level. Seronera, Tanzania.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	New Year's Day 8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	Be sure to check carta.anthropogeny.org for CARTA Symposium updates!	



Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) greet the day with piercing “pant-hoots”—a vocalization performed during inhale and exhale that rises from barely audible to a raucous crescendo. Issa Valley, Tanzania.

FEBRUARY 2026

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Washington's Birthday		24	25	26	27	28
22	23				CARTA presents: <i>The Idea Organ</i>	
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Leopards (*Panthera pardus*) embody the mastery and strength of solitary hunters. Their authority is evident when resting effortlessly upon the limb of a sausage tree (*Kigelia africana*), like this, or when hoisting prey far bigger and heavier than itself onto high branches to safeguard from scavengers. Tarangire National Park, Tanzania.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4		



Agile, curious, and an expert at foraging for edible plants and insects, this red-tailed monkey (*Cercopithecus ascanius*) was captured in a moment of exaltation and magical illumination. Issa Valley, Tanzania.

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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In a burst of iridescent blue and violet, the lilac-breasted roller (*Coracias caudatus*) launches from its perch to swoop to the ground to capture a dung beetle (*Catharsius gorilla*). The lilac-breasted roller is one of Africa's most colorful birds and is so named for their dramatic rolling dives performed during courtship. Tarangire National Park, Tanzania.

MAY 2026

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	Memorial Day					
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Cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) are the fastest land animal, reaching speeds of 113 kmh (70 mph), but also make fantastic photography subjects when still. Perhaps it is the ever-present slightly worried expression they wear that makes them seem relatable? Most individual mega-mammals in Africa are themselves “archipelagoes” for countless insects, other invertebrates, and microbes. Ndutu Lake, Tanzania.

JUNE 2026

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Juneteenth National Independence Day



Only in equatorial Africa does the setting sun illuminate the sky in such dramatic fashion. As the sun lowers, its light rays must travel a long atmospheric path, which causes Rayleigh scattering, in which blue light is refracted, leaving mostly red and orange wavelengths. Iron oxide particles from Tanzania's soil, along with smoke and other fine particulate matter, contribute to the epic light. Ndutu Lake, Tanzania.

JULY 2026

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Hidden and protected by foliage, this collection of lion cubs (*Panthera leo*) had no adult supervision. Lionesses, as primary providers, must balance care of their cubs with survival needs and will park them in secluded spots to minimize detection while hunting. Leopards and spotted hyenas have been known to prey on lion cubs. Seronera, Tanzania.

AUGUST 2026

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The Kirk's dik-dik (*Madoqua kirkii*) is one of Africa's most remarkable antelopes. They are tiny—30-40 cm (12-16 in) tall and weigh 3-6 kg (6.5-13 lbs). Yet they extremely nimble and can reach speeds up to 42 kmh (26 mph) to avoid predators. They mate monogamously and maintain small, well defined territories. They are also adapted to arid conditions: their specialized nasal cavity functions like a natural cooling and moisture-recycling system and they concentrate and dehydrate urine and feces to conserve water. Tarangire National Park, Tanzania.

SEPTEMBER 2026

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The powerful wings of this martial eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) create immediate lift and speed as it launches from its perch. The largest of the African eagles with wingspans up to 1.9-2.6 m (6.2-8.5 ft), the martial eagle is an apex aerial predator capable of taking down large prey, such as antelope and livestock. But size and ability come at the cost of slow reproduction as a single egg must be incubated for 45 days and fledging is much delayed (~three months), followed by years of dependence. Seronera, Tanzania.

OCTOBER 2026

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This bundle of arrows showcases the crafting mastery of the Hadza foragers of Tanzania. The arrow shafts, made from white crossberry (*Grewia tenax*) branches, are whittled, heat-treated, and straightened into durable projectiles. The tips range in form and function: simple tapered wooden points for small game, cold-forged metal arrowheads adorned with poison for large and dangerous animals, and blunt percussive bulbs for stunning birds. The fletching is southern crested guinea fowl (*Guttera edouardi*), or other bird feathers, and affixed with chewed animal sinew to stabilize the flight of the arrow. Yaeda

NOVEMBER 2026

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Two young elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) engage in a friendly sparring match. Such duels, though seemingly playful, are vital for developing strength, skills, and social hierarchies. Tarangire National Park, Tanzania.

DECEMBER 2026

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