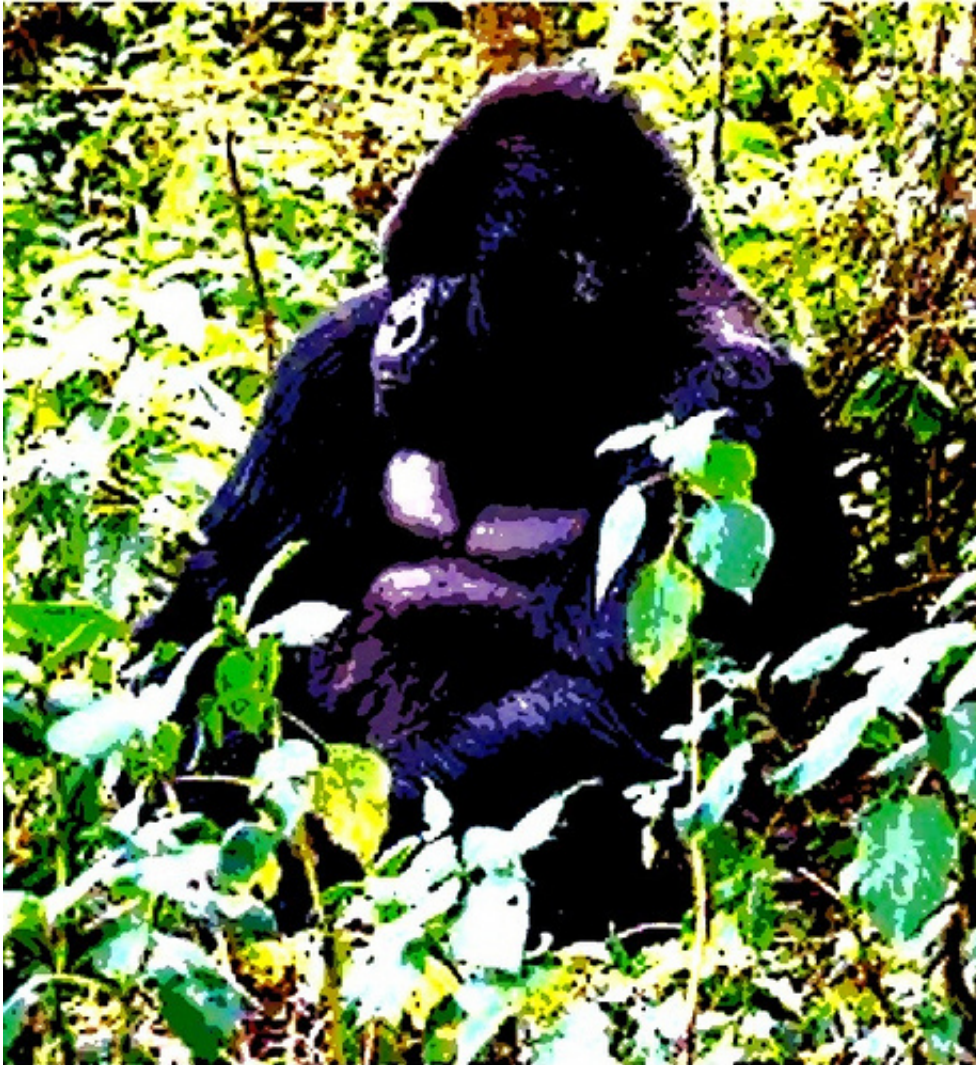


## The Lonely Mountain Gorilla



"The silverback watches us go with a sidelong look that seems equal parts bored, grumpy, and sad. What is he thinking?..."

I'm guessing he's aware something isn't right and hasn't been for a long time. The world has changed drastically in his lifetime: less forest, more people, some friendly, most not.

He couldn't possibly know that every one of his kind would barely fill a large theater, that there are probably far too few left for the species to survive--that by now it's just a matter of time.

Could he?"

Julian Smith, from his book *Crossing the Heart of Africa*, speaking about the 700 or so remaining mountain gorillas after visiting some of them on Mount Sabinyo, Rwanda.

They are the least lucky of the gorillas: but they have cousin eastern lowland gorillas numbering about 4,000 in the Congo; and they have some other cousins, the western lowland gorillas, who may number 100,000 and occupy a number of central African countries.

## John Says This

About Being Inside the DR Congo

<http://johnsaysthis.com>

---

