

## Faustino's Biography

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Faustino is Fifi's third son, and was born on May 8th, 1989. In many ways, he is very much like his older brother, Freud. He is very "mellow", and spends a lot of time just sitting in one spot, staring into the distance. Like the other "F" boys, Faustino is quite large for his age, and will no doubt become a very impressive male when he fully matures. At the time of writing, Faustino is 13, yet still travels quite a lot with his mother and younger siblings. He doesn't show the independence that males of his age usually show. Even his brother Ferdinand, who is 4 years younger, seems to spend as much time apart from Fifi as Faustino does.

Currently, Faustino has successfully dominated the adult females in the Kasakela community, and has started to challenge the adult males. He is in a unique position, because there are no longer any other males of his age in the community. When I first started my work in 1999, Galahad was still alive, and it was fascinating to watch the interactions between he and Faustino. They were both reaching adolescence, and their play sessions would often erupt into more serious dominance struggles. They would display at each other, and minor scuffles would become more serious squabbles. Then, as suddenly as it had started, they would seem to forget their machismo, and would resume play. We all wondered how their relationship would evolve, but sadly, Galahad's death left Faustino as the only member of his age cohort. It will be very interesting to watch Faustino continue to mature, and see how he fares in the dominance hierarchy. Freud surprised many people by becoming alpha male. Perhaps Faustino will too.