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[Conservation status](#)

[Endangered](#) (IUCN 3.1)^[1]

[Scientific classification](#)

Kingdom: [Animalia](#)
Phylum: [Chordata](#)
Class: [Mammalia](#)
Order: [Proboscidea](#)
Family: [Elephantidae](#)
Genus: [Loxodonta](#)

[Binomial name](#)

Loxodonta africana
([Blumenbach](#), 1797)

The **African bush elephant** (*Loxodonta africana*) is the larger of the two [species](#) of [African elephant](#).^[2] The bull males can weigh 13000 pounds and stand 13 feet tall at the shoulder.^[3]

The [population](#) of bush elephants has drastically declined in the last thirty years. It is hunted for its [ivory](#) and meat. Protection by game wardens has been only partly successful.

This large elephant is well adapted to the [grassland plains](#) of [East Africa](#), and it is sometimes called the **African savannah elephant**.

The African bush elephant occurs in [Sub-Saharan Africa](#) including [Uganda](#), [Kenya](#), [Tanzania](#), [Botswana](#), [Zimbabwe](#), [Mozambique](#), [Namibia](#), [South Africa](#), [Zambia](#), and [Angola](#).

It moves between a variety of habitats. These include [subtropical](#) and [temperate forests](#), dry and seasonally flooded [grasslands](#) and woodlands, [wetlands](#) and agricultural land from sea level to mountain slopes. In [Mali](#) and Namibia, it also lives at times in desert areas.

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