

Animals of Africa



Chimpanzee



Type: Mammal

Diet: Omnivore

Size: Standing 4 to 5.5 feet

Weight: 70 to 130 lbs

Though chimpanzees are quadrupedal (i.e. walk on all four limbs), they can easily stand and walk upright.

Ring-Tailed Lemur



Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Size: Head and body is up to 1.5 feet

Weight: 5 to 7.5 lbs

The ring-tailed lemur's tail is longer than its body, but they are not able to use it to grab onto branches like a monkey would.

Aardvark



Type: Mammal

Diet: Omnivore

Size: Head and body is 3.5 to 4.5 feet

Weight: 110 to 180 lbs

An armadillo can eat 50,000 termites in one sitting.

Black Rhinoceros



Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Size: Height at shoulder 4.5 to 6 feet

Weight: 1,760 to 3,080 lbs



Though thick the rhino's hide is actually sensitive, especially to sunburn and insect bites.

Cheetah



Type: Mammal

Diet: Carnivore

Size: Head and body is 4.5 to 5.5 feet

Weight: 77 to 143 lbs



Cheetahs are the fastest land animal, reaching speeds of over 60 mph.

Giraffe



Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Size: 14 to 19 feet

Weight: 1,750 to 2,800 lbs



Each giraffe has unique markings that distinguish it from others. No two giraffes have exactly the same markings.

Mandrill



Type: Mammal

Diet: Omnivore

Size: 3 feet

Weight: 77 lbs



The most brightly colored mammal, with sky blue, scarlet red, flaming orange, jet black, snow white, and bright pink.

African Lion



Type: Mammal

Diet: Carnivore

Size: Head and body is 4.5 to 6.5 feet

Weight: 265 to 420 lbs

The only social member of the cat (Felidae) family, lions live in large groups called "prides," consisting of about 15 lions.

Zebra



Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Size: Height at the shoulder is 3.5 to 5 feet

Weight: 440 to 990 lbs

The black and white stripes are a form of camouflage called disruptive coloration that breaks up the outline of the body.

Wildebeest



Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Size: Up to 4.5 feet

Weight: 330 to 550 lbs

Both male wildebeest and female wildebeest grow horns. A male's horns can grow up to 2.5 feet in length.

Spotted Hyena



Type: Mammal

Diet: Omnivore

Size: Head and body is 2.5 to 5 feet

Weight: 110 to 190 lbs

Their jaws are capable of exerting pressures of up to 1,763 lbs per square inch!