

African Animals

Much of the continent of Africa is a **savanna**. A savanna is an open grassland with few trees. Africa's savanna is home to many different types of animals.

The savanna is a **habitat**. A habitat is a place where an animal lives. Here are some animals that live in the African savanna.



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Lions are big cats.

Lion

Lions are big cats with gold-colored fur. Lions are **carnivores** (KAR-neh-vawrz). Carnivores are meat eaters. Lions live together in a group called a **pride**.

Elephant

Elephants are animals with trunks and tusks. Elephants are **herbivores** (ER-beh-vawrz). Herbivores are plant eaters. Elephants live together in a group called a **herd**.

Giraffe

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. They are plant eaters. Their height helps them reach leaves on tall trees. Giraffes live in a herd of about 10 animals.

Reading Passage



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Warthog

Warthogs are a type of wild hog. Warthogs are **omnivores** (AHM-neh-vawrz). Omnivores eat both plants and meat. Female and baby warthogs live in a small group called a **sounder**. Males live alone.

Hippopotamus

Hippopotamuses are animals that live partly on land and partly in water. They are herbivores that eat mainly grasses. Hippos live in a herd of up to 15 members.

Think About It!

Vultures are birds that live in Africa. What other animals can you name that live in Africa?