

Common Animal Names in African Languages

<u>Animal Species/African Language</u>	Afrikaans	Nama/Damara	Ndebele	Shona	Siswati	Swahili	Tswana	Venda	Zulu
<u>Aardvark</u>	Erdvark	<i>I Khuwub</i>	<i>Isambane</i>	<i>Sambani</i>	<i>Sambane</i>	<i>Mhanga</i>	<i>Thakadu</i>	<i>Thagalu</i>	<i>Samban e</i>
<u>African Civet</u>	<i>Siwetkat</i>	<i>!Noreb</i>	<i>Insimba</i>	<i>Bvungo</i>	<i>Lifungwe</i>	<i>Fungo</i>	<i>Tshipalore</i>	<i>Dhatshat sha</i>	-
<u>Baboon, Chacma</u>	<i>Bobbejaan</i>	<i>I Norab, I Nerab, II Erub</i>	<i>Indwanguly</i>	<i>Bveni, Gudo</i>	<i>Mfene</i>	<i>"Baboon" = Nyani</i>	<i>Tshwene</i>	<i>Pfene</i>	<i>Mfene</i>
<u>Buffalo</u>	<i>Buffel</i>	<i>I Goab</i>	<i>Inyathi</i>	<i>Nyati</i>	<i>Inyatsi</i>	<i>Nyati</i>	<i>Nari</i>	<i>Nari</i>	<i>Nyathi</i>
<u>Bushbuck</u>	<i>Bosbok</i>	<i>!Garapiris</i>	<i>Imbabala</i>	<i>Dsoma</i>	-	<i>Mbawala, Kulungu, Pongo</i>	<i>Serolobothl oko</i>	<i>Mbavhal a, Tshishos ho</i>	<i>Imbabal a</i>
<u>Caracal</u>	<i>Rooikat</i>	<i>!Hab, I Apa I hōab</i>	<i>Indabutshe, Intwane</i>	<i>Hwang, Twana</i>	<i>Indabushe</i>	<i>Simba mangu</i>	<i>Thwane</i>	<i>Thwani</i>	<i>Ndabush e</i>
<u>Cheetah</u>	<i>Jagluiperd</i>	<i>!Arub</i>	<i>Ihlosi, Hlosi</i>	<i>Dindingwe</i>	<i>Lihlosi</i>	<i>Duma</i>	<i>Lengau</i>	<i>Dagalad zhie</i>	<i>Ihlosi</i>
<u>Common Duiker</u>	<i>Duiker</i>	<i>Dôas</i>	<i>Impunzi</i>	<i>Mhembwe</i>	<i>Mpunzi</i>	-	<i>Phuti</i>	<i>Nfsa</i>	<i>Mpunzi</i>
<u>Dik-Dik</u>	<i>Damara dik-dik</i>	<i>I Hauib</i>	-	-	-	<i>Digidigi, Suguya</i>	-	-	-
<u>Eland</u>	<i>Eland</i>	<i>!Khanni</i>	<i>Impofu</i>	<i>Mhofu</i>	<i>Impophi</i>	<i>Pofu</i>	<i>Phofu</i>	<i>Phofu</i>	<i>Mpofu</i>
<u>Elephant</u>	<i>Olifant</i>	<i>!Khoab</i>	<i>Ndlovu</i>	<i>Nzou, Zhou</i>	<i>Ndhlovu</i>	<i>Ndovu</i>	<i>Tlou</i>	<i>Ndou</i>	<i>Ndhlovu</i>

Gemsbok	Gemsbok	Gaeb	Nkukhama	-	-	Choroa	Kukama	-	-
Giraffe	Kameelperd	!Garo!naib	Htundla	Twza	Indlulamitsi	Twiga	Thutlwa	Thuda	Ndhlula mithi
Hippopotamus	Seekoei	!Khaos	Imvubu	Mvuu	Mvubu	Kiboko	Kubu	Mvuvu	Mvubu
Honey Badger	Ratel	I Harebab, I Hareseb	Ulinda	Sere, Tsere	Nsele	Nyegere	Matswani, Matshwane	Tshiselele	Nsele
Hyena, Spotted	Gevlekte hiëna	Gara ≠ hiras	-	Bere	Mpisi	"Hyena" = Fisi	Phiri	Phele	Mpisi
Hyrax, Rock	Klipdassie	!Âus	Imbila	Mbila	Mbili	Pimbi	Pela	Mbila	Mbili
Impala	Rooibok	Arab	Mpala	Mhara	Mpala	Swala pala	Phala	Phala	Mpala
Jackal, Black-Backed	Rooijakkals	I Girib I gireb	Ikhanke	Hungubwe	Mpungutje	Mbweha	Phokojwe	Phungub we	Mpungut she, Khanka
Klipspringer	Klipspringer	Khâises	Igogo	Ngururu	Ligoka	Mbuzi mawe	Kololo	Ngululu	-
Kudu	Koedoe	Xaib	Ibhalabhala	Nhoro	Shongololo	Tandala	Tholo	Tholo	Mgankla
Leopard	Luiperd	I Garub	Ngwe, Ingwe	Mbada	Ngwe, Ingwe	Chui	Nkwe, Inkwe	Ngwe, Ingwe	Ngwe, Ingwe
Lion	Leeu	Xammi	Isilwane	Shumba	Ngwenyama	Simba	Tau	Ndau	Ngonyama
Mongoose, Banded	Gebande muisehond	-	Usikibhoror	Dzvoro	-	"Common Name" = Ngushiro	Letototo	Tshihoho	Buhala
Monkey, Vervet	Blou-aap	-	Inkawu	Tsoko, Shoko	Ngobiyane	Tumbili	Kgabo, Kgatla	Thobo	Nkawu
Nyala	Njala	-	Inyala	Nyara	Litagayezi	-	-	Inyala	Inyala

Pangolin	<i>Letermagog</i>	<i>Il Khommi</i>	<i>Inkakha</i>	<i>Haka, Hambakubvu</i>	<i>Finyeti</i>	<i>Kakakuona</i>	<i>Kgaga</i>	<i>Khwara</i>	-
Porcupine	<i>Ystervark</i>	<i>!Noab</i>	-	<i>Nungu</i>	<i>Ngungubane</i>	<i>Nungu</i>	<i>Noko</i>	<i>Nungu</i>	<i>Nungu</i>
Rhinoceros, Black	<i>Swartrenoster</i>	<i>!Nabas</i>	-	<i>Chipembere, Nhema</i>	-	<i>"Rhino" = Faru</i>	<i>Tshukudu</i>	<i>Thema</i>	<i>uBhejan e</i>
Rhinoceros, White	<i>Witrenoster</i>	-	-	<i>Chipembere</i>	<i>uMkhombe</i>	<i>"Rhino" = Faru</i>	<i>Tshukudu</i>	<i>Tshugulu</i>	<i>uMkhom be</i>
Roan	<i>Bastergemsbok</i>	<i>!Hoa Il nâ I gaeb</i>	<i>Ithaka</i>	<i>Ndunguza, Chengdu</i>	<i>Litagaezi</i>	<i>Korongo</i>	<i>Kunkuru, Kwalata, Esthetha</i>	<i>Thavha- nda-lila</i>	-
Sable	<i>Swartwitpens</i>	-	<i>Ngwaladi, Umtshwayeli</i>	<i>Mharapara, Ngwarati</i>	<i>Imphalampala</i>	<i>Mbarapi</i>	<i>Kwalata</i>	<i>Phalafal a</i>	<i>Mpalam pale</i>
Serval	<i>Tierboskat</i>	<i>!Garu !garo I hôab</i>	<i>Inhlozi</i>	<i>Nzudzi</i>	<i>Indloti</i>	<i>Mondo</i>	<i>Tadi</i>	<i>Didingw e</i>	<i>Ndlozi</i>
Springbok	<i>Springbok</i>	<i>Il Gûb</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>Tshephe, Maponye</i>	-	-
Steenbok	<i>Steenbok</i>	<i>!Aris, !Airis</i>	<i>Ingina</i>	<i>Mhene</i>	<i>Lingcina</i>	<i>Tondoro</i>	<i>Phuduhudu</i>	<i>Phuluvh ulu</i>	<i>Qhina</i>
Tsessebe	<i>Basterhartbees</i>	<i>Il Khamab</i>	<i>Inkolomi</i>	<i>Nondo</i>	<i>Mzansi</i>	<i>Topi</i>	<i>Tshesebe</i>	-	-
Warthog	<i>Vlakvark</i>	<i>Dirib, gairib</i>	<i>Ngulube</i>	<i>Njiri</i>	<i>Budzayikatana</i>	<i>Ngiri</i>	<i>Kolobe</i>	<i>Phangw a</i>	<i>Ndlovud alana</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Waterbok</i>	<i>Il Gampiris</i>	<i>Isidumuka</i>	<i>Dhumukwa</i>	<i>Phiva</i>	<i>Kuru</i>	<i>Pithwa</i>	<i>Phidwa</i>	<i>Phiva</i>
Wild Dog	<i>Wildehond</i>	<i>!Gaub</i>	<i>Inganyana</i>	<i>Mhumhi</i>	<i>Budzatje</i>	<i>Mbwa mwitu</i>	<i>Letlhalerwa</i>	<i>Dalerwa</i>	<i>Nkontsh ane</i>
Wildebeest, Blue	<i>Blouwildebees</i>	<i>Gaob</i>	<i>Nkhonhoni</i>	<i>Ngongoni</i>	<i>Ngongoni</i>	<i>"Wildebeest" = Nyumbu</i>	<i>Kgokong</i>	<i>Khongoi ni</i>	<i>Nkhonho ni</i>

<u>Wildebeest, Black</u>	<i>Swartwildebees</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>Wildebeest"</i> = Nyumbu	-	-	-
<u>Zebra, Burchell's</u>	<i>Bontsebra</i>	<i>!Goreb, !Goareb</i>	<i>Idube</i>	<i>Mbizi</i>	<i>Lidvubu</i>	"Zebra" = <i>Punda milia</i>	<i>Pitse ya naga</i>	-	<i>Dube</i>

NB: Most of the names come from [Clive Walker's book "Signs of the Wild"](#). This compact field guide to the identification of Southern African mammals based on their spoor, droppings and skulls, has been accepted as the standard work on the subject. This edition offers up-to-date information on identification through signs.

[This edition](#) provides new illustrations for a number of species. It also features illustrations of skulls for all of the carnivores. The 8-page section of comparative spoor is still a feature, updated with the most recent information available. It includes distribution maps (88 in all) and full-colour photographs (some 150) of each species within its habitat.