

Glossary of Animals

The following are just a few of the animals you may see on your visit to Global Wildlife Center. Global Wildlife is currently home to over thirty species of wildlife.



Name: Addax
Habitat: Northern Africa, Sahara desert
Fun Fact: Addax do not need to drink water, they get all the water they need from the plants they eat.
Status: Endangered



Name: Axis Deer
Habitat: India, Nepal, Sri Lanka
Fun Fact: Axis deer follow troops of monkeys feeding in the trees. When the monkeys drop fruit and tender leaves, the Axis eat their leftovers!
Status: Widely introduced



Name: Bison
Habitat: North America
Fun Fact: Bison are not buffalo. The word buffalo came from the French word used for bison, Les Boueufs. True buffalo are a different species from Africa and Asia.
Status: Stable



Name: Bactrian Camel
Habitat: Central Asia from Northern China to Mongolia.
Fun Fact: There are only 500 wild Bactrian Camels left in the Gobi desert, but due to years of domestication, they are not in danger of extinction
Status: Not endangered



Name: Blackbuck
Habitat: India
Fun Fact: Endangered in India due to habitat loss, the blackbuck have the highest reproductive rate at Global. There are more blackbuck in LA and TX today than in all of India.



Name: Dromedary Camel
Habitat: North Africa, Middle East
Fun Fact: Dromedary camels were used in the Civil war by the Southwest for hauling wood, mail, and salt.
Status: Extinct in the wild but not endangered due to domestication.



Name: Cape Eland
Habitat: Africa
Fun Fact: Eland are very adept jumpers despite their large size. When alarmed, Cape Eland will easily jump six feet in the air from a standstill.
Status: Not endangered



Name: Fallow deer
Habitat: Mesopotamian basin
Fun Fact: Fallow deer are widely introduced and are found on six different continents. The first fallow deer was brought to America by George Washington.
Status: Widely introduced



Name: Pere David Deer
Habitat: Mainland China
Fun Fact: Pere David Deer were the first large mammal to be saved from extinction entirely by captive breeding by humans. At one point in time there were only sixteen left in the world.
Status: Extinct in the wild



Name: Reticulated Giraffe
Habitat: Africa
Fun Fact: Reticulated giraffes were exhibited in the old Roman games. They were thought to be a cross between a camel and a leopard, hence the Latin name giraffa camelopardalis.
Status: Endangered in W. Africa



Name: Scimitar Horned Oryx
Habitat: Sahara Desert
Fun Fact: The face of the Scimitar Horned Oryx is the model of many African tribal masks. Because oryx migrate with rainstorms, they were thought to bring the rain and hence revered.
Status: Highly endangered



Name: Texas Longhorns
Habitat: Originally Spain, introduced to America
Fun Fact: Texas Longhorns are descendants of Spanish cattle brought to America by Christopher Columbus. They were rounded up in the great cattle drives to Abilene and therefore gave rise to cowboys.
Status: Secure



Name: Waterbuck (Ellipsis)
Habitat: Africa
Fun Fact: Waterbuck feel very at home in the water and have an oily coat that helps to waterproof them. When in danger, the waterbuck will flee into water with only its nostrils showing.
Status: Secure due to national parks



Name: Zebra (Grant's)
Habitat: Africa
Fun Fact: Zebras are the only member of the equine family that has never been successfully domesticated. Baby zebras can stand within five minutes of being born.
Status: Not endangered



Name: Rhea
Habitat: South America
Fun Fact: Rheas are the fourth largest bird in the world. Male rheas are responsible for chick rearing
Status: Not endangered



Name: Red Lechwe
Habitat: South Africa
Fun Fact: Red Lechwe do most of their grazing in two feet of water. Their hind legs are higher than their forelegs to enable them to push up out of the mud.
Status: Endangered



Name: Llama
 Habitat: South America
 Fun Fact: Llamas are a close relative to the camel and will spit as a form of defense
 Status: Not endangered



Name: Red Kangaroo
 Habitat: Australia
 Fun Fact: Red Kangaroos are born after a 39 day gestation period, after which the baby kangaroo spends six-nine months developing in a pouch.
 Status: Not endangered



Name: Sicilian Donkey
 Habitat: Sicily and Sardinia
 Fun Fact: This donkey is the same species as the donkey that is said to have brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem
 Status: Not endangered



Name: European red deer
 Habitat: Europe
 Fun Fact: Red deer were the inspiration for the book, "Bambi," a tale originally by a German author
 Status: Not endangered



Name: Sika Deer
 Habitat: Asia
 Fun Fact: Sika deer are known as the magic deer because of their ability to blend into their surroundings.
 Status: Endangered due to habitat loss.



Name: Nilgai
 Habitat: India and Tibet
 Fun Fact: The nilgai will kneel down on its front knees to forage for food and to fight.
 Status: Not endangered



Name: Watusi cattle
 Habitat: Africa
 Fun Fact: Watusi cattle are used as a form of currency by the Watusi tribesmen. Cattle are used as dowries for native girls.
 Status: Not endangered

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