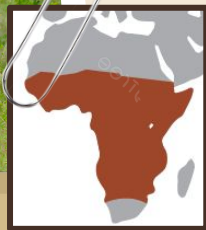




THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT: THE LARGEST LAND ANIMAL ON EARTH

Loxodonta africana



Because they are so big, they have to eat around 350 lbs of foliage every day. They spend about 18 hours each day eating!

HABITAT:

They live in forests or savannahs!

Learn more about the African Elephant:



Fact File

the leader of a group of elephants is female. This is called a matriarch!

Life Span:	60-70 years
Adult Weight:	4000-14000 lbs
Top Speed:	25 mph
Wild Diet:	herbivores (plant-eaters): grass, leaves, bark



COMMUNICATION:

They make a low rumbling sound, which vibrates the ground. They use these vibrations to talk to other elephants!

TRUNK:

Contains more than 40,000 muscles! Used for drinking, grasping, communicating, and even self-defense. The tip of their trunk, known as their "finger", allows them to grab small objects and feel texture (like your fingers!) but also scents and vibrations.

BEHAVIOR:

Intelligent, curious, and caring, with a strong sense of memory.

EARS:

They help cool themselves in the hot African climate (measure 6 ft across)!