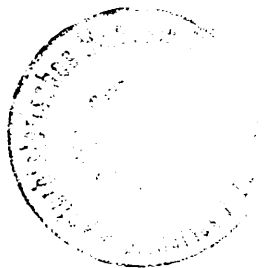


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Mammals of Zambia

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Black rhinoceros

Diceros bicornis

Recognition

Massively built three-toed mammal with a slightly concave back, and with two horns arising from the skin on the snout (both sexes), the front horn being the longer of the two. Almost completely hairless. Uniform body colour of grey or dark grey. The head is frequently carried high, showing the prehensile pointed upper lip. Females usually have longer and more slender horns than males. Shoulder height about 60".

Habits

Usually solitary, or in a pair consisting of a cow and her calf. Black rhino browse on a variety of plant species, using their prehensile pointed upper lip to grasp the vegetation. Often seen near mud wallows. When on the move, the young follow the mother. Single young per birth.

Similar species

White rhino. With the exception of the Musi-O-Tunya Zoological Park, any rhino seen in Zambia will be the black rhino. The white rhino, *Ceratotherium simum* was artificially introduced into Livingstone, and is a larger animal, with a square upper lip, and a pronounced hump on the neck. The head in the white rhino is carried low, and the young usually precedes the mother.



KNP Rather scarce rarely seen

Lochinvar Absent

Luangwa Common seen by most

Sumbu No recent record