

MAJOR AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

Comparative Study Reference Chart

Mediterranean	Mild, rainy winters; hot, dry summers.	Evergreen shrubs, cork oak, olive trees.	Barbary macaques, jackals, tortoises.
Sahara Desert	Extremely arid; drastic temperature shifts.	Acacia, date palms, succulents.	Dromedary camels, fennec foxes, scorpions.
Sahel (Steppe)	Semi-arid transition zone; sporadic rain.	Baobabs, hardy grasses, thorny shrubs.	Ostrich, dorcas gazelle, cattle.
Savanna	Distinct wet and dry seasons; tropical.	Tall elephant grass, acacia, marula.	Lions, elephants, zebras, giraffes.
Tropical Rainforest	Hot and humid year-round; high rainfall.	Mahogany, teak, ferns, orchids.	Gorillas, chimpanzees, okapis, parrots.

Namib/Kalahari

Arid to semi-arid;
coastal fog in
west.

Welwitschia,
desert melons,
aloes.

Meerkats,
gemsbok,
brown hyenas.

Montane/Highlands

Cooler
temperatures;
altitude
dependent.

Giant lobelias,
heathers,
bamboo.

Mountain
gorillas, gelada
baboons.