

AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

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VEGETATION ZONE	CLIMATE & CHARACTERISTICS	KEY FLORA/FAUNA
Rainforest	Hot and humid year-round; high rainfall. Located near the Equator.	Mahogany, ebony, ferns, gorillas, chimpanzees.
Savanna	Tropical grassland with scattered trees. Distinct wet and dry seasons.	Acacia trees, baobabs, lions, elephants, zebras.
Sahel	Semi-arid transition zone between the Sahara and Savanna.	Thorny shrubs, grasses, camels, gazelles.
Desert	Extremely dry; sparse vegetation. Includes Sahara and Namib.	Date palms (oases), cacti, fennec foxes, scorpions.
Mediterranean	Mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers. North and South tips.	Olive trees, cork oaks, scrub herbs, grapes.

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Cooler temperatures found in high altitude mountain regions.

Bamboo, heathers, mountain nyala, giant lobelias.

Note: Use this chart as a reference guide for mapping exercises. Identify the corresponding colors on your physical map of Africa.