

AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONE IDENTIFICATION CHART

REFERENCE: BOTANICAL GEOGRAPHY REGION: CONTINENTAL AFRICA

VEGETATION ZONE	CHARACTERISTICS	REPRESENTATIVE FLORA
Mediterranean	Hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Scrubland-dominated.	Olive trees, Cork oak, Lavender.
Desert & Xeric	Extremely low rainfall, high evaporation, sparse cover.	Succulents, Date palms, Pebblestones.
Sahel / Steppe	Semi-arid transition zone; short grasses and scattered shrubs.	Acacia, Baobab, Cram-cram grass.
Savanna	Tropical grassland with scattered trees; seasonal rainfall.	Elephant grass, Umbrella thorn, Shea.
Tropical Rainforest	High humidity, year-round rainfall, dense multi-layered canopy.	Mahogany, Ebony, Teak, Ferns.
Montane	High altitude ecosystems; varies by elevation (Cloud forest/Moorland).	Giant Lobelia, Bamboo, Heathers.

Notes: This chart is for educational identification purposes only. Boundaries between zones are often transitional (ecotones).