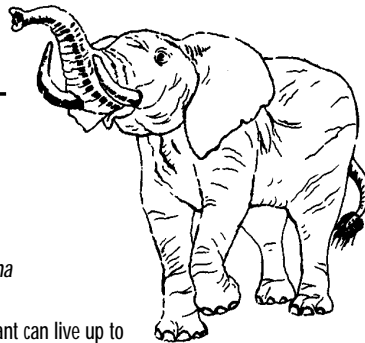


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AFRICAN ELEPHANT



Scientific Name: *Loxodonta africana*

The largest land mammal, the elephant can live up to 70 years and go through six sets of teeth. It can live in habitats ranging from deserts and savanna to mountains and humid forests. An elephant can eat up to 500 pounds of vegetation and drink up to 40 gallons of water at a time. Males weigh up to six tons (females, four tons).



STATUS: Endangered.



DIET IN THE WILD: Trees, shrubs, fruits, shoots and grass.

ZOO DIET: Apples, timothy hay, carrots, HMS Elephant supplement



FUN FACTS: At the end of an elephant's trunk is a small "finger" that it can use to pick up objects and put in its mouth. The trunk also is used for smell. Its large ears help cool its blood in hot weather.