

# ZamWander Safaris



## **ZAMBIA SAFARI WILDLIFE CHECKLIST**

Exploring Zambia's diverse landscapes is an unforgettable experience. To make the most of your safari, keep track of the incredible wildlife you encounter with this comprehensive checklist. From majestic big cats to vibrant birdlife, this guide will help you identify and appreciate the amazing creatures of Zambia's national parks.

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## Big Five Animals

### 1. **Lion** ✓

- Habitat: South Luangwa, Kafue, and Lower Zambezi National Parks.
- Notes: Look for prides resting under trees during the heat of the day.

### 2. **Elephant** ✓

- Habitat: Common in Lower Zambezi, South Luangwa, and along the Zambezi River.
- Notes: Frequently seen in large herds or near water sources.

### 3. **Leopard** ✓

- Habitat: Best spotted in South Luangwa National Park.
- Notes: Look for them lounging in tree branches.

### 4. **Buffalo** ✓

- Habitat: Found in herds across all major parks.
- Notes: Often seen grazing in open plains or near water.

### 5. **Rhinoceros** ✓

- Habitat: Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Zambian side of Victoria Falls).
  - Notes: Rare and often accompanied by anti-poaching patrols.
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## Predators

### 6. **Cheetah** ✓

- Habitat: Kafue National Park.
- Notes: Best spotted in the Busanga Plains.

### 7. **Hyena** ✓

- Habitat: Found across Zambia's national parks.
- Notes: Look for them near kills or scavenging at dusk.

#### 8. **Wild Dog (Painted Wolf)** ✓

- Habitat: South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi.
  - Notes: Sightings are rare but memorable.
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### **Herbivores**

#### 9. **Zebra** ✓

- Habitat: Found in all major parks, especially South Luangwa and Kafue.
- Notes: Often seen in groups alongside wildebeests.

#### 10. **Giraffe** ✓

- Habitat: South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi.
- Notes: Look for their distinctive silhouettes against the skyline.

#### 11. **Hippo** ✓

- Habitat: Zambezi and Luangwa Rivers.
- Notes: Commonly spotted in large pods in the water.

#### 12. **Warthog** ✓

- Habitat: Found across Zambia's parks.
- Notes: Watch for them trotting with tails raised high.

#### 13. **Antelope Species**

- **Impala** ✓
  - **Puku** ✓
  - **Kudu** ✓
  - **Eland** ✓
  - **Sable** ✓
  - **Roan** ✓
  - **Lechwe** ✓ (Common in Kafue's wetlands.)
  - Notes: Zambia is home to an impressive variety of antelopes.
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## Birds

14. **African Fish Eagle** ✓
    - Habitat: Common near rivers and lakes.
    - Notes: Listen for its iconic call.
  15. **Lilac-Breasted Roller** ✓
    - Habitat: Found in woodlands and savannahs.
    - Notes: Known for its vibrant colors.
  16. **Crowned Crane** ✓
    - Habitat: Wetlands and open grasslands.
    - Notes: Often seen in pairs or small groups.
  17. **Bee-Eaters**
    - **Carmine Bee-Eater** ✓
    - **White-Fronted Bee-Eater** ✓
    - Habitat: Riverbanks and open areas.
    - Notes: Look for their dazzling colors and swift flight.
  18. **Pelicans and Storks**
    - **White Pelican** ✓
    - **Saddle-Billed Stork** ✓
    - Habitat: Rivers and wetlands.
    - Notes: Often spotted near water sources.
  19. **Ostrich** ✓
    - Habitat: Kafue and other open plains.
    - Notes: Rare in Zambia but occasionally seen.
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## Reptiles and Amphibians

20. **Crocodile** ✓
    - Habitat: Zambezi and Luangwa Rivers.
    - Notes: Commonly seen basking on riverbanks.
  21. **Monitor Lizard** ✓
    - Habitat: Riverbanks and forests.
    - Notes: Look for them near water.
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## Insects and Other Wildlife

22. **Dung Beetle** 
  - Habitat: Found across Zambia's national parks.
  - Notes: Watch for their industrious rolling of dung balls.
23. **Butterflies** 
  - Habitat: Rainforests and woodlands.
  - Notes: Zambia is home to a rich variety of colorful species.

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## Pro Tips for Wildlife Spotting

- **Morning and Evening:** Wildlife is most active during these times.
- **Guides and Trackers:** Experienced guides, like those at ZamWander Safaris, enhance your chances of sightings.
- **Binoculars:** Essential for birdwatching and spotting distant animals.
- **Patience:** Stay quiet and observant to maximize sightings.

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## Why Book with ZamWander Safaris?

Our expert guides ensure you don't miss any of Zambia's incredible wildlife. We provide tailored safari experiences to suit your preferences and guarantee unforgettable memories.

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Download this checklist, pack your gear, and get ready to tick off some incredible wildlife sightings on your Zambia safari adventure!