

WORLD ANIMAL DAY

GREAT OR SMALL, LOVE THEM ALL.
MEET SOUTHERN AFRICA'S BIG AND LITTLE 5.



AFRICAN ELEPHANT

To communicate across long distances, African elephants use a frequency so low that the human ear cannot hear it.

ELEPHANT SHREW

On an elephant shrew's tail are glands that produce scents used to mark their territories. They are known to react violently when a stranger crosses their territory.





LEOPARD

Leopards are strong climbers and will often hide their prey in tall trees to avoid other predators stealing it.

LEOPARD TORTOISE

The leopard tortoise is one of the largest tortoises, reaching 40cm in height and 13kg in weight. They can live up to 50 years.





AFRICAN BUFFALO

The African buffalo is protective of its herd. They have been observed killing predators to rescue captured members of their herd.

BUFFALO WEAVER

The buffalo weaver is often seen on the backs of buffalo eating insects from the buffaloes' coats and around their hooves.





LION

Lions can eat up to a quarter of their body weight in a single meal – that's 40kgs of meat!

ANT LION

The ant lion is also called the 'doodlebug' as it draws patterns in the sand when roaming around.





AFRICAN RHINO

Rhinos have poor vision and will sometimes charge objects like trees and rocks, mistaking them for threats.

RHINO BEETLE

The rhino beetle has incredible strength. They can lift up to 850 times their own body weight.



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