

# Learn about the African Savanna

Savannas are a type of grassland that cover a large part of the continent of Africa. Savannas are home to many different species like rhinos, lions, gazelles, cheetahs, ostriches, and zebras! African Savannas are one of the last places on earth where large herds of herbivores and large groups of predators still exist!

## Different Stripes

Zebras all have stripes, but each zebra has their own unique pattern of stripes! Their stripes not only help them recognize one another, but they also help distract predators.



## World's Largest Bird

Ostriches are the largest birds in the world! They are so heavy that they cannot fly, instead they are very fast runners. They can also defend themselves from predators with strong kicks.



The Little Rock Zoo supports the Plains Zebras through the Plains Zebra Species Survival Plan, which helps to conserve zebras and their Savanna habitat.

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/african-savanna-illustration/>

African Wildlife Foundation: <https://awf.org/wildlife-conservation/all>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/ostrich>  
<https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/zebra>

# Savanna Food Web!

African Savannas are home to many different kinds of animals, both herbivores that eat plants and carnivores that eat meat! A food web shows all of the different connections that exist in the African Savanna Ecosystem, showing what kinds of animals that each animal eat.

Can you connect each animal to what it can eat and complete this food web?



**Cheetah**

Cheetahs are too small to hunt Zebra or Greater Kudu, they focus on smaller and speedier prey.



**Lion**

Lions are Apex Predators, there are not any animals on the Savanna that they cannot hunt, including other predators.



**Ostrich**



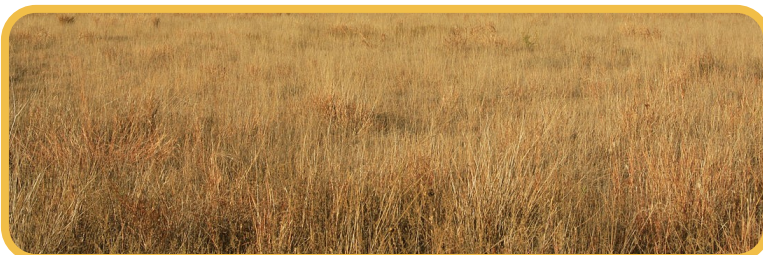
**Gazelle**



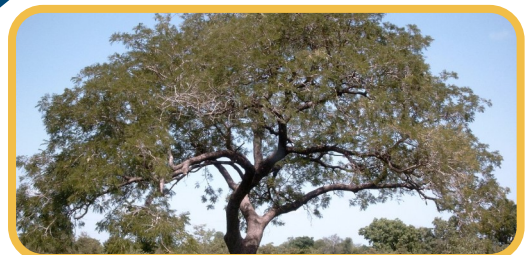
**Plains Zebra**



**Greater Kudu**



**Grass**



**Leaves**

