

## LIST OF MAMMALS KNOWN TO OCCUR IN THE CENTRAL DRAKENSBERG AREA (EXCL. RODENTS)

English Name	Brief info	Seen on Cathkin Estates	Seen in the area
<b>Aardwolf</b> <i>Proteles cristatus</i> (Z) <i>iSinci, imThi</i>	Small animals with an unmistakable appearance. Characteristic features are the whitish mane, best seen when they are alarmed, and the vertical dark brown stripes on a yellowish-brown coat. Nocturnal and extremely shy. W: 5.5 – 11 kg.		X
<b>African Wildcat</b> <i>Felis libyca</i> (Z) <i>imBodla</i>	This cat is similar in size & appearance to the domestic tabby, with which they can interbreed. Their ears are reddish. W: 3 – 6 kg.		
<b>Antbear / Aardvark</b> <i>Orycteropus afer</i> (Z) <i>ISambane</i>	Unique in shape & unmistakable. Strictly nocturnal and seldom seen. W: 40 – 65 kg.		X
<b>Black Wildebeest</b> <i>Connochaetes gnou</i> (Z) <i>inKonkoni</i>	Large antelope with unmistakable appearance. General colour is dark brown to black with a long white tail. Face is covered with tufts of hair & a beard extends under throat. There is a tuft of short hair between the legs & a mane on the neck & shoulders. Sexes are similar, both carrying forward curving & upward pointing horns. W: 130 – 205 kg.	X	
<b>Black-backed Jackal</b> <i>Canis mesomalis</i> (Z) <i>iMpungushe</i>	The most common jackal in KZN. Reddish-brown with a clearly defined black back, which appears silvery at a distance. A dark brown bushy tail. W: 5 – 12 kg.	X	
<b>Blesbuck</b> <i>Damaliscus dorcas</i> (Z) <i>iNoni or inDluzela-empembu</i>	Medium-sized and easily identified by their white facial pattern and curved ringed horns. Colour is generally a rich brown with lighter to white underparts and rump. Males & females are similar in appearance. W: 60 – 70 kg.	X	
<b>Bushbuck</b> <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i> (Z) <i>umKonko (m)</i> <i>inBabala (f)</i>	Small robust antelope usually having a black collar around the neck. General colour is light reddish to dark brown with clear white spots on flank & rump. Underparts may be darker & tail may have black tip. Males have almost straight but strongly keeled horns & are larger than females which have no horns. One of most pugnacious antelopes. W: 25 – 45 kg.	X	
<b>Cape Clawless Otter</b> <i>Aonyx capensis</i> (Z) <i>iNtini</i>	Large, dark brown with lighter underparts. They have no claws or webs on feet. Largely diurnal, usually seen sunning themselves on rocks near rivers & streams. W: 12 – 18 kg.	X	

<b>Cape Grey Mongoose</b> <i>Galerella pulverulentus</i> (Z) ?	Small uniformly speckled-grey coloured mongoose with slightly lighter underparts. W: 0.5 – 1 kg.	X	
<b>Caracal (Lynx)</b> <i>Felis caracal</i> (Z) <i>inDabushe</i>	Medium-sized, brownish-red cats. Tufted ears make them unmistakable. W: 10 – 20 kg.	X	
<b>Chacma Baboon</b> <i>Papio ursinus</i> (Z) <i>iMfene</i>	Living in troops of 15 to 50 with dominant males. Occur at all altitudes. To be treated with caution. W: 14 – 43 kg.	X	
<b>Eland</b> <i>Taurotragus oryx</i> (Z) <i>iMpofu</i>	Distinguished by large size, straight spiral horns & prominent dewlap. Brownish-yellow colour. W 300 – 600 kg.	X	
<b>Grey Duiker</b> <i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i> (Z) <i>imPunzi</i>	The most common duiker in SA, with a uniform grey coat with lighter grey underparts, short spiky horns and a very short tail which distinguishes them from grey rhebuck. Shape of horns differentiates them from mountain reedbuck. Males & females are similar, the latter normally (but not always) without horns. W: 18 – 21 kg.	X	
<b>Grey Rhebuck</b> <i>Pelea capreolus</i> (Z) <i>iLiza</i>	Small slender antelope with large elongated ears and short almost-straight horns. Their thick woolly coat is medium grey. A short bushy tail is held erect showing a white 'powder puff' when running with a, a 'rocking horse' motion. Sexes similar in appearance but only males have horns. W: 19 – 30 kg.	X	
<b>Klipspringer</b> <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i> (Z) <i>iGogo</i>	Small antelope with a short muzzle & very short tail. Their thick coat is brownish-grey colour with light underparts. Hooves are adapted to give them agility on rocky terrains. Only males have horns which are short & spiky. W: 11 – 13 kg.		
<b>Large Grey Mongoose</b> <i>Herpestes ichneumon</i> (Z) <i>umHlangola</i>	Largest African mongoose. Uniformly greyish-white coat of long hair, giving them a shaggy appearance. Long tail has conspicuous black tip. Mainly nocturnal. W: 2.5 – 4 kg.	X	
<b>Large-Spotted Genet</b> <i>Genetta tigrina</i> (Z) <i>iNsimba</i>	Short legs, pointed face, yellowish-brown colour with black spots, long tail with several rings and a dark tip distinguish this genet. W: 1 – 3 kg.	X	
<b>Leopard</b> <i>Panthera pardus</i> (Z) <i>iNgwe</i>	Present, but rare. Unmistakable appearance. Main prey is baboons. W: 30 – 70 kg.		
<b>Mountain Reedbuck</b> <i>Redunca fulvorufula</i> (Z) <i>iNxala</i>	Similar to southern reedbuck but are much smaller. Distinguishing features are their reddish colour with distinctly white underparts and curved horns. Coat is less woolly than grey rhebuck, with which they are easily confused. W: 15 - 38 kg.		
<b>Natal Red Hare</b> <i>Pronolagus crassicaudatus</i> (Z) ?	Have shorter ears than Scrub Hare, reddish brown colour and very bush reddish tail. W: 2.5 – 3 kg.	X	

<b>Oribi</b> Ourebia ourebi (Z) <i>uWili</i>	Small, very graceful antelope. Main features are short, straight horns, large, narrow ears & a conspicuous black gland behind the eye and a black tail. General colour is light brown to fawn with very white underparts. Females similar but without horns and sometimes larger than males. W: 7.5 – 17.5 kg.	X	
<b>Porcupine</b> Hystrix cristata <i>Ingungumbane</i>	Unmistakable. Nocturnal and seldom seen. Droppings and quills are however often seen along paths used by them. Confined to Little 'Berg. W: 10 – 18 kg.	X	
<b>Red Hartebeest</b> Alcelaphus caama (Z) <i>iDluzela</i>	Large antelope with ridged, back-curving horns on a pedicle. Reddish-brown colour with a purple sheen on back & a distinctive light heart shape on the rump. The tail is dark brown to black. Sexes are similar in appearance. W: 120 – 150 kg.	X	
<b>Rock Dassie (Hyrax)</b> Procavia capensis (Z) <i>iMbila</i>	Unmistakable as the only animals of their shape in the Drakensberg. Feet have rubber-like pads giving them agility on rocks & boulders. (Closest relative = elephant) W 2.5 – 4.5 kg.	X	
<b>Serval</b> Felis Serval (Z) <i>iNdlizi</i>	Slenderly-built long-legged spotted and striped cats. Much smaller than leopard but larger than wild cat. They have large oval ears and a short tail usually carried pointing down. W: 8 – 14 kg.	X	
<b>Southern (Common) Reedbuck</b> Redunca arundinum (Z) <i>uMziki or iNlangu</i>	Medium-sized antelope with curved ringed horns. Colour is greyish fawn-to brown with whitish underparts. Face has no distinctive markings. Tail is short & bushy with white below which is clearly shown when they run. Larger size distinguishes them from mountain reedbuck and grey rhebuck. Females are smaller than males and without horns. W: 30 – 70 kg.	X	
<b>Southern Bush or Scrub Hare</b> Lepus saxatilis <i>Unogwaja</i>	Largest hare in the Drakensberg. Long ears and longish (6-9cm) black tail with white underneath. General colour is grey. W: 1.4 – 4.5 kg	X	
<b>Spotted-Necked Otter</b> Lutra maculicollis (Z) <i>iNtini</i>	Small otters with webbed feet & sharp non-retractable claws. They are dark brown with lighter underparts & a clearly spotted neck. Found mainly in the Little 'Berg. W: 4 – 5 kg.	X	
<b>Striped Polecat</b> Ictonyx striatus (Z) <i>iQhaqha</i>	Striking black & white pattern makes them unmistakable. Largely nocturnal. W: 0.5 – 1.5 kg.	X	
<b>Vervet Monkey</b> Cercopithecus aethiops (Z) <i>Nkawu</i>	Lightly built with long arms & legs. Pale grey tinged reddish down the middle of the back. The face is black outlined by a white band across the forehead and down cheeks. W: 3.5 – 8 kg.	X	
<b>Water Mongoose</b> Atilax paludinosus (Z) <i>iQolotho imVuzi</i>	Large dark reddish-brown, scruffy looking mongoose with a large head & uniform colour. W: 2 – 5 kg.	X	

<b>White-tailed Mongoose</b> <i>Ichneumia albucauda</i> <i>(Z) iQalashu</i>	Large greyish-brown mongoose with almost entirely white tail. It is the only long-legged mongoose in the Drakensberg. W: 3 – 5 kg.		
<b>Introduced Species</b>			
<b>Warthog</b> <i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i> <i>(Z) Ndlovudalana / Ndhlovudawana</i>	Compact, robust hog with short neck, long heavy head tapering to blunt snout. Wrinkled grey skin sparsely covered by coarse bristles. W: 55-80 kg.		
<b>Zebra</b> <i>Equus burchelli</i> <i>(Z) Dube</i>	Unmistakable. W: 260 - 320 kg.	X	
<b>Waterbuck</b> <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i> <i>(Z) iPhiva</i>	Unmistakable – “Kring-gat” in Afrikaans due to white ring encircling the rump. W: 250 – 270kg and about 1,7m at the shoulder	X	