



SOSIAN LODGE

LAIKIPIA

Mammals and Reptiles Checklist

Introduction

Sosian is a 24,000-acre ranch in the centre of the vast and beautiful landscape known as the Laikipia plateau.

Sosian takes pride in its wildlife conservation and the result has been seen, in keeping with much of Laikipia, a resurgence in wildlife species and their numbers. The area supports a number of rare northern species like the endemic Jackson's hartebeest, Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe.

Sosian is home to a wide diversity of wildlife, including four of the 'Big Five' - lion, leopard, elephant and buffalo. Furthermore, Sosian is home to endangered species such as cheetah and wild dog, once thought to be extinct from Laikipia.

Sosian is a member of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum, working to protect Laikipia's wildlife through sustainable land use. By removing its fences Sosian allows wildlife to move freely, encouraging the game to return to the area.

Along with over 350 species of birds identified on Sosian, there are approximately 70 species of mammals and 30 species of reptiles.

The source for the classification, nomenclature and grouping of the mammal list is *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals* (Jonathan Kingdon, 1997) and of the reptile list is *A Field Guide to the Reptiles of East Africa* (Spawls, Howell, Drewes and Ashe, 2002).

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Mammals of Sosian

ORDER *Primates*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Olive Baboon | <i>Papio anubis</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vervet Monkey | <i>Cercopithecus a.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senegal Galago (Lesser Bushbaby) | <i>Galagō senegalensis</i> |

ORDER *Insectivora* (INSECTIVORES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shrew (Three Species) | <i>Crocidura sp.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | African Hedgehog | <i>Atelerix albiventris</i> |

ORDER *Macroscelidea* (ELEPHANT SHREWS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesser Elephant Shrew | <i>Elephantulus rufescens</i> |
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ORDER *Lagomorpha* (HARES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scrub Hare | <i>Lepus saxatilis</i> |
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ORDER *Rodentia* (RODENTS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unstriped Ground Squirrel | <i>Xerus rutilus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Striped Ground Squirrel | <i>Euxerus erythropus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ochre Bush (Tree) Squirrel | <i>Paraxerus ochraceus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | African Dormouse | <i>Graphiurus murinus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Crested Porcupine | <i>Hystrix cristata</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tatera (Naked-Soled) Gerbil | <i>Tatera robusta</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tatera (Naked-Soled) Gerbil | <i>Tatera nigricauda</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Climbing Mouse | <i>Dendromus melanotis</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pouched Mouse | <i>Saccostomus mearns</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spiny Mouse | <i>Acomys wilsoni</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spiny Mouse | <i>Acomys percivali</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Multimammate Rat | <i>Mastomys sp.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Common Mouse | <i>Mus musculooides</i> |

<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow-Footed Woodland Mouse	<i>Grammomys dolichurus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bush-Rat	<i>Aethomys hindei</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unstriped Grass Rat	<i>Arvicanthis nairobae</i>

ORDER *Carnivora* (CARNIVORES)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-Backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bat-Eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zorilla	<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ratel (Honey Badger)	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cape Clawless Otter	<i>Aonyx capensis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguinea</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale p. undulata</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-Tailed Mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aardwolf	<i>Proteles cristata</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common (Small-Spotted) Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blotched (Large-Spotted) Genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	African Civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild Cat	<i>Felis sylvestrus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serval Cat	<i>Felis serval</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caracal	<i>Felis caracal</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>

ORDER *Tubulidentata* (AARDVARK)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Aardvark	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>
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ORDER *Hyracoidea* (HYRAXES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Black-Necked Rock Hyrax | <i>Procavia johnstoni</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yellow-Spotted (Bush) Hyrax | <i>Heterohyrax brucei</i> |

ORDER Proboscidea

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | African Elephant | <i>Loxodonta africana</i> |
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ORDER Perissodactyla (ODD- TOED UNGULATES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Common Zebra | <i>Equus quagga</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grevy's Zebra | <i>Equus grevyi</i> |

ORDER Artiodactyla (EVEN-TOED UNGULATES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hippopotamus | <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bush Pig | <i>Potamochoerus larvatus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Common Warthog | <i>Phacochoerus africanus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Reticulated Giraffe | <i>Giraffa c. reticulata</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | African Buffalo | <i>Syncerus caffer</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bushbuck | <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Greater Kudu | <i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Eland | <i>Taurotragus oryx</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bush (Common) Duiker | <i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Steinbuck | <i>Raphicerus campestris</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Klipspringer | <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Guenther's Dikdik | <i>Madoqua guentheri</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chandler's Mountain Reedbuck | <i>Redunca f. chanleri</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Defassa Waterbuck | <i>Kobus e. defassa</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomson's Gazelle | <i>Gazella r. thomsoni</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grant's Gazelle | <i>Gazella granti</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gerenuk | <i>Litocranius walleri</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impala | <i>Aepyceros melampus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jackson's Hartebeest | <i>Alcelaphus b.jacksoni</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beisa Oryx | <i>Oryx b. beisa</i> |

Reptiles of Sosian

ORDER *Testudines* (CHELONIANS OR SHIELD REPTILES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leopard Tortoise | <i>Geochelone pardalis</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Helmeted Terrapin | <i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i> |

ORDER *Squamata* (SCALED REPTILES)

FAMILY *Gekkonidae* (GECKOES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brook's Gecko | <i>Hemidactylus brooki</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tropical House Gecko | <i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prince Ruspoli's Gecko | <i>Hemidactylus ruspolii</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kenya Dwarf Gecko | <i>Lygodactylus keniensis</i> |

FAMILY *Scinidae* (SKINKS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Short-Necked Skink | <i>Mabuya brevicollis</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five-Lined Skink | <i>Mabuya quinquetaeniata</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Striped Skink | <i>Mabuya striata</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Variable Skink | <i>Mabuya varia</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Peter's Writhing Skink | <i>Lygosoma afrum</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sundevall's Writhing Skink | <i>Lygosoma sundevalli</i> |

FAMILY *Lacertidae* (LIZARDS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Speke's Sand Lizard | <i>Heliobolus spekii</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Southern Long-Tailed Lizard | <i>Lastastia longicaudata</i> |

FAMILY *Agamidae* (AGAMAS)

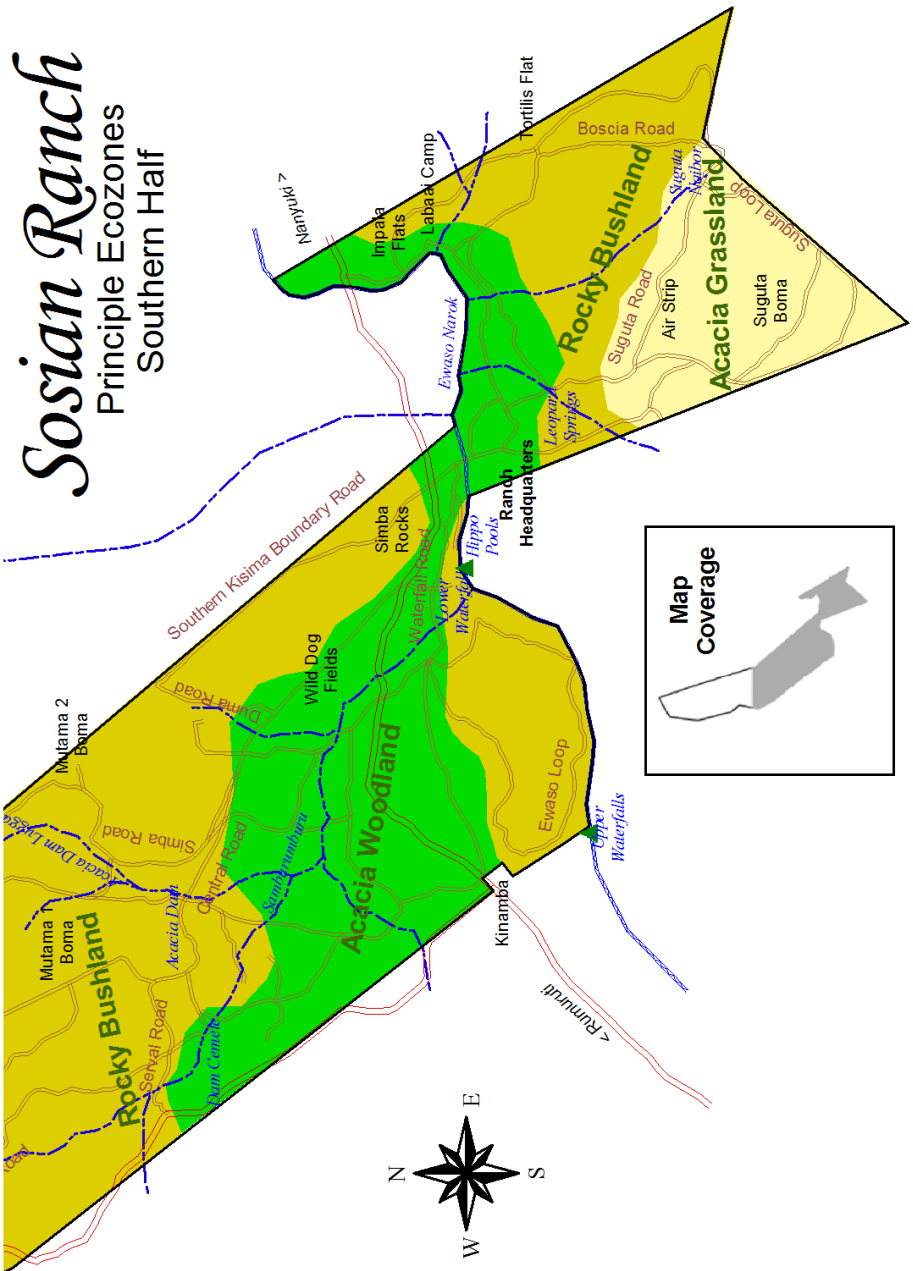
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Red-Headed Rock Agama | <i>Agama agama</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Elementeita Rock Agama | <i>Agama caudospina</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruppell's Agama | <i>Agama ruppelli</i> |

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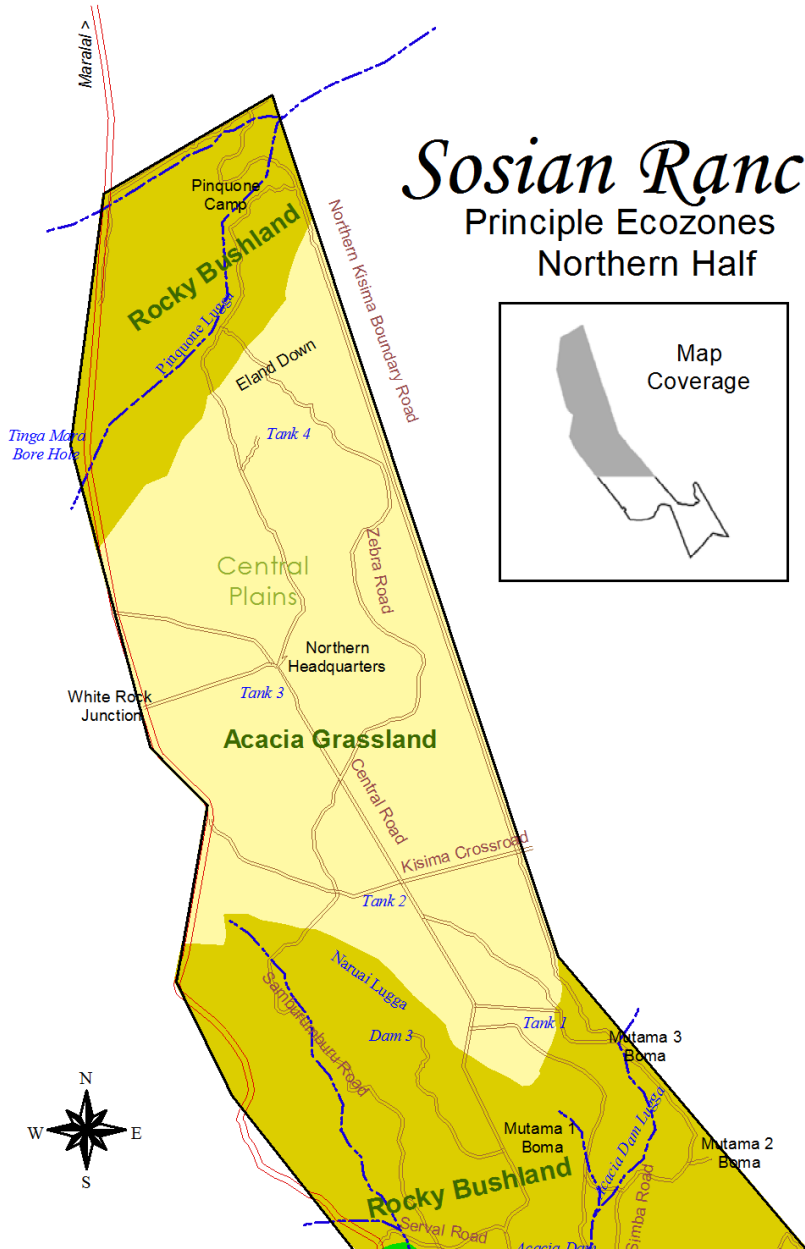
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