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## White Rhinoceros

*Ceratotherium simum*



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**Habitat:** Open grasslands and floodplains

**Range:** Eastern and Southern Africa

**Activity Cycle:** Crepuscular-more active early in the morning and late in the day.

**Size:** Can weigh between 3500 and 6000 pounds. They are around 11-13 feet long. They stand 5-6 feet tall.

**Social Structure:** Females live in small groups. Males live independent once they have reached sexual maturity and defend territories from other males.

**Distinguishing Features:** They have a large, stocky body with natural grey coloring. They have a large hump on the back of their neck that is muscle, allowing them to keep their head to the ground for grazing. They have two facial horns and wide, square lips that they use to graze.

**Diet:** Grasses

**Life Span:** 25-45 years

## Did you know?

***A rhino's horn is not attached to their skull. It grows from the skin and is made of keratin, the same material as our fingernails and hair.***