



SOSIAN

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Wildlife Checklist

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Introduction

Sosian Ranch is a 24,000-acre working livestock ranch in the centre of the vast Laikipia plateau. Laikipia is at the forefront of conservation in East Africa and one of the few areas left in Africa where wildlife outside parks and reserves is actually increasing. The area supports a number of rare northern species, such as the endemic Jackson's hartebeest, Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe.

Sosian Ranch is home to a wide diversity of wildlife, including four of the 'Big Five' and 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 and is encouraging the return of wild game to the area by removing its fences to allow wildlife to move freely.

Approximately 70 species of mammals can be found on Sosian. The source for the classification, nomenclature and grouping of the mammal list is *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals* (Jonathan Kingdon, 1997).

Over 300 species of bird have been identified on Sosian Ranch. The classification, nomenclature and grouping of the bird list come from *Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania* (Zimmerman, Turner and Pearson, 1996).

Sosian is home to over 30 species of reptiles and the source for the classification, nomenclature and grouping of the reptile list is *A Field Guide to the Reptiles of East Africa* (Spawls, Howell, Drewes and Ashe, 2002).

Sosian, Laikipia, Kenya

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Mammals of Sosian Ranch

ORDER *Primates*

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

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

ORDER *Proboscidea* (ELEPHANTS)

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

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

ORDER *Artiodactyla* (EVEN-TOED UNGULATES)

<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"/>	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>

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ORDER Testudines (CHELONIANS OR SHIELD REPTILES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leopard Tortoise | <i>Stigmochelys 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> |

FAMILY Chamaeleonidae (CHAMELEONS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Side-Striped Chameleon | <i>Chamaeleo bitaeniatus</i> |
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Slender or Graceful Chameleon *Chamaeleo gracilis*

FAMILY *Varanus* (MONITOR LIZARDS)

Nile Monitor *Varanus niloticus*

SUBORDER *Serpentes* (SNAKES)

Lineolate Blind Snake *Typhlops lineolatus*

Brown House Snake *Lamprophis fuliginosus*

Cape Wolf Snake *Lycophidion capense*

Flat-Snouted Wolf Snake *Lycophidion depressirostre*

Spotted Bush/Wood Snake *Philothamnus semivariiegatus*

Central African Rock Python *Python sebae*

Olive Sand Snake *Psammophis mossambicus*

Northern Stripe-Bellied Sand Snake *Psammophis sudanensis*

Battersy Green Snake *Philothamnus battersbyi*

Rufous-beaked Snake *Rhamphiophis oxyrhynchus*

Speckled Bush Snake *Philothamnus semivariiegatus*

Garter Snake *Thamnophis*

Montane Egg Eater *Dasypeltis atra*

Jackson's Centipede-Eater *Aparallactus jacksoni*

Plumbeous Centipede-Eater *Aparallactus lunulatus*

Black-Necked Spitting Cobra *Naja nigricollis*

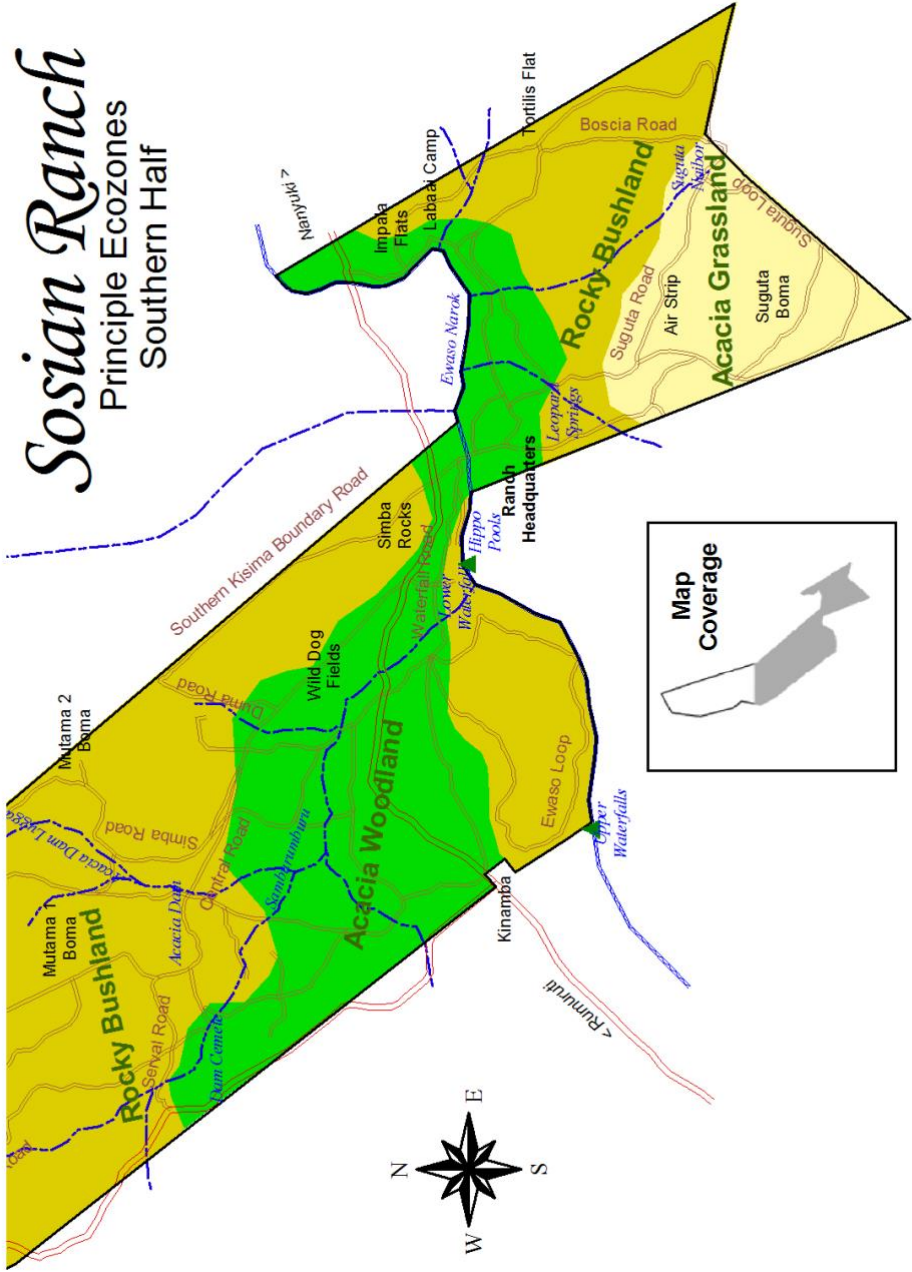
Puff Adder *Bitis arietans*

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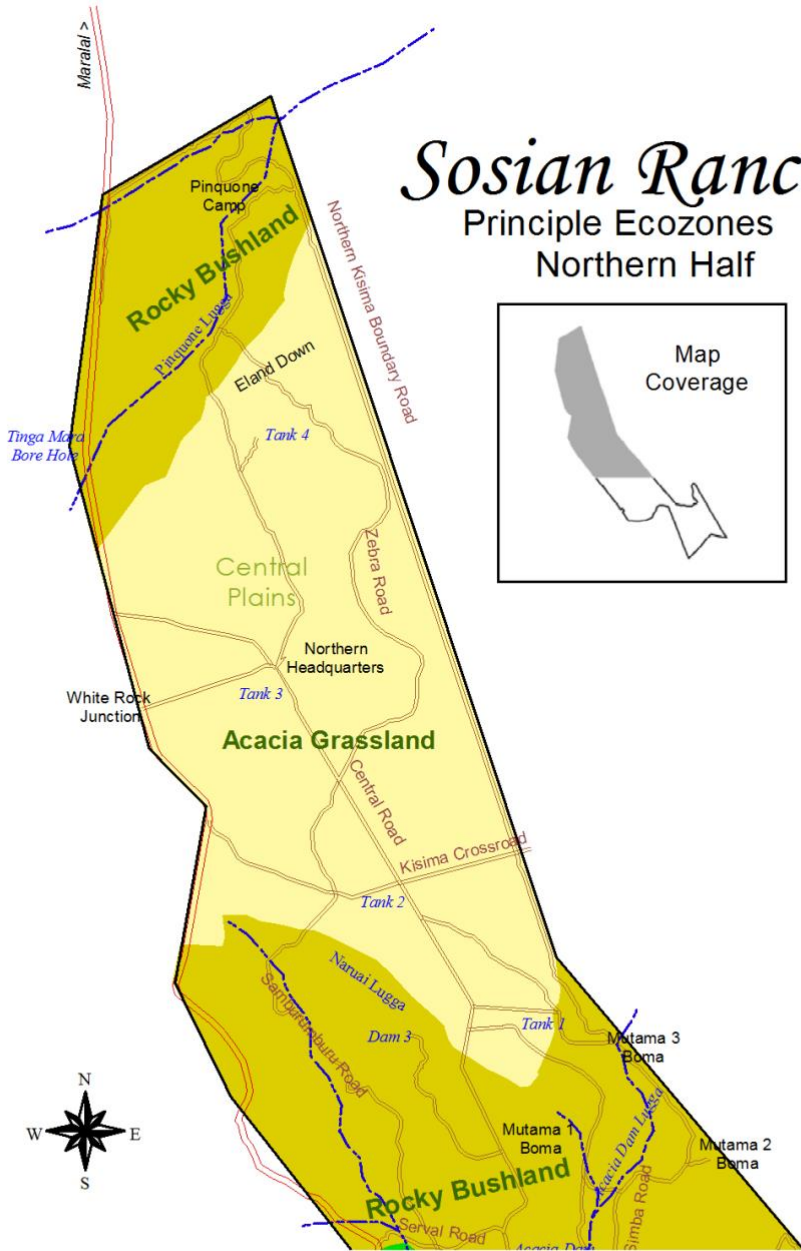
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