







## Wildlife Checklist of Saruni Samburu

-  The Samburu ecosystem is a well-known area in Central Kenya comprising Buffalo Springs National Reserve, Samburu National Reserve and the Kalama Conservancy.
-  These vast areas lie within ecological zone V – which is classified as arid and semiarid with a moisture index of 42-57, which indicates that evapo-transpiration is greater than available moisture. The days are extremely hot while the nights are cool. The annual mean temperatures range between 18°C-30°C, while the mean annual rainfall is 345 mm with peaks in November and April.
-  The dry season starts in late May, and goes up to early October when a large concentration of wildlife is found in the reserve due to availability of lush vegetation along the Ewaso Nyiro River, the main source of water to the Reserve and the nearby communities.
-  Natural Environment: Arid and semi-arid lands, open scrub and grasslands; Significant environmental variation based on altitude. Highlands of the Leroghi Plateau (Ldonyo) are relatively cool and well watered. Lowlands (Lpurkel) are quite dry and hot semi-desert.

Samburu is rich in wildlife with an abundance of rare northern specialist species.

### **SAMBURU SPECIAL FIVE**

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- ❖ Imperial or Grevy's Zebra
- ❖ Liver-colored Reticulated Giraffe
- ❖ Blue shanked Somali Ostrich
- ❖ Long-necked Gerenuk gazelle
- ❖ Straight-horned Beisa Oryx antelope

### **AFRICAS' LITTLE FIVE**

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- ❖ Ant Lion
- ❖ Buffalo Weaver
- ❖ Elephant Shrew
- ❖ Leopard Tortoise
- ❖ Rhino Beetle



### Most Common Mammals in Samburu

<u>Common Names</u>	<u>Swahili Names</u>	<u>Common Names</u>	<u>Swahili Names</u>
Aardvark	Muhanga	Hyrax (Rock)	Pimbi
Aardwolf	Fisi ndogo	Impala	Swala pala
Baboon (Olive)	Nyani	Jackal (Black backed)	Bweha
Badger Honey	Nyegere	Jackal (Side striped backed)	Bweha
Bat (Yellow winged)	Popo	Klipspringer	Mguzi mawe
Bat (Long-eared Leaf-nosed)	Popo	Kudu (Lesser)	Malu or tandala
Buffalo	Mbogo or Nyati	Kudu (Greater)	Malu or tandala
Bush baby (Lesser Galago)	Komba	Leopard	Chui
Cape Buffalo	Mbogo or Nyati	Lion	Simba
Caracal	Sambamangu	Mole Rat	Fuko
Cat (Wild)	Paka pori	Mole Rat (White-toothed)	Fuko
Cheetah	Duma	Mongoose (Dwarf)	Nguchiro
Civet (African)	Fungo	Mongoose (White Tailed)	Nguchiro
Dik dik (Gunthers)	Diki Diki	Monkey (Black-Faced Vervet)	Kima, Ngedere, Tumbili
Elephant	Tembo or Ndovu	Oryx (Beisa)	Choroa
Fox (Bat eared)	Bweha Masikio	Porcupine (Crested)	Nungunungu
Gazelle (Grants)	Swala Granti	Serval cat	Mondo
Genet (Large spotted)	Kanu	Shrew (Elephant)	Sange
Genet (Small spotted)	Kanu	Squirrel	Kindi
Gerenuk	Swala twiga	Squirrel (Ochre Bush)	Kindi
Giraffe	Twiga	Squirrel (Unstriped Ground)	Kindi
Gerbil Pygmy		Terrapin	Kasa
Hare (African Scrub)	Sungura	Warthog	Ngiri
Hedgehog	Kalunguyeye	Waterbuck	Kuro
Hippopotamus	Kiboko	Wild dog/Painted Hunting Dog	Mbwamwitu
Hyaena (Spotted)	Fisi	Zebra (Burchell's)	Punda milia
Hyaena (Striped)	Fisi	Zebra (Grevy's)	Punda milia