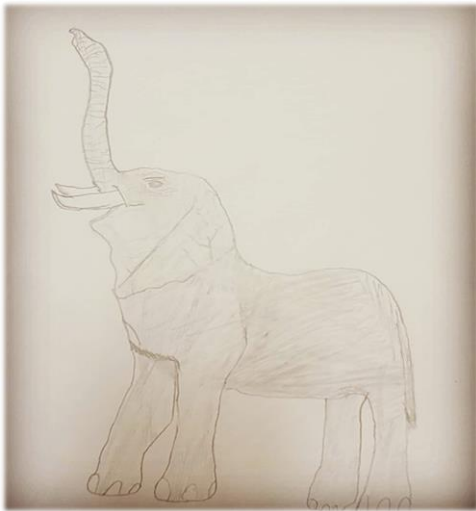


# African Elephant



Elephant sketch by Harry Clohessy, age: 10 (2020)






**Scientific Name:**  
*Loxodonta africana*

**Estimated number of individuals:**  
415,000

**Habitat:**  
Forest, savanna, shrubland, grassland, wetlands (Inland) and desert



## Top 5 African Elephant Facts

-  African elephants are the largest land mammals with the males being the super heavy weights, reaching 6 tonnes!
-  They can live 60 – 70 years in the wild.
-  They are matriarchal, this means they are led by females in what is called a herd. The Matriarch is usually the biggest and oldest female.
-  You can tell a lot about an elephant by their tusks! Elephant tusks never stop growing, so huge tusks can be a sign of an old elephant. Both male and female African elephants grow tusks.
-  Elephants love nothing more than taking a nice relaxing mud bath!! This helps to protect the skin from the sun and also protects against bugs and tics.