



Above: Eland
(*Taurotragus oryx*)

Right and below:
White rhinoceros
(*Ceratotherium*
simum)



The white rhinoceros is one of the most endangered large-animal species in the wild, mainly due to poachers wanting the valuable horn for sale to Arabs who fashion it into ceremonial dagger handles. The horns are not really horn but are compressed hair, similar to a fingernail, which is constantly growing. The large front horn on a rhino can reach up to a metre in length. The white rhino is, after the elephant, the largest land mammal, a large bull standing over six feet high and weighing about three tons.

The rhinos at Woburn originated from a game reserve in South Africa which in the 1970s was overstocked with the species.