

Igala Mammal Names

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Note: The Igala people live east of the Niger River, south of the Confluence with the Benue. The following list was prepared in 1981. Paul Gross was a fluent Igala speaker who had spent all his life in Nigeria and had lifelong practical experience of bush conditions. The identifications are therefore likely to be extremely accurate. Regrettably, Paul died in 1986, before this work could be published. The intention is to make a composite paper of all the flora and fauna identifications made during this period of research.

Igala has a three-tone system with mid-tone unmarked. In the standard orthography, open vowels are written with subdots. Thus ϵ is written $\epsiloṇ$ and \circ as $\circ̣$.

Scientific Name	English	Igala Name
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Leopard	ábìtì
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephant	àdagbá or éli (archaic)
<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	Buffalo	éfà
<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	Bush-pig	éhi
<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	Wart-hog	éhielíkà
<i>Trichechus senegalensis</i>	Manatee	éré
<i>Viverra civetta</i>	Civet cat	étà
<i>Genetta tigrina</i>	Large-spotted genet	èwòlò (probably also other genets)
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Lion	idù
<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	Hyena	òtìnyà or òdùmú (archaic) (also Idoma)
<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	Aardvark	ògbò
<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	Giraffe ¹	òkàgòli
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Hippopotamus	òkàku
<i>Kobus defassa</i>	Defassa waterbuck	ábèdè
<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Western bushbuck	álákpá
		ògòli
<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	Oribi	àté
<i>Cephalopus monticola</i>	Blue duiker	átu
<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	Roan antelope	ébitì or òdi
<i>Kobus kob</i>	Kob	égbì
<i>Hyemoschus aquaticus</i>	Water-chevrotain	èlùmè
<i>Cephalopus silvicultor</i>	Yellow-backed duiker	ètùnè
<i>Cephalopus dorsalis</i>	Bay duiker	òbálènyì
<i>Cephalopus rufifilatus</i>	Red-flanked duiker	óruwó
<i>Silvicapra grimmia</i>	Grimm's duiker	ówà
<i>Alcehalus bucelaphus</i>	Hartebeest	òcà

¹The giraffe is well north of the ecological zone of the Igala and is known only by report.

	Monkey (generic)	ádágùnà or éḍo (Ife dialect)
<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	Green monkey	àlíná
<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>	Mona monkey	èdíkù
<i>Colobus verus</i>	Olive Colobus	ònyúbó-kele
<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	Patas monkey	òbàgù
<i>Cercopithecus nictitans</i>	Putty-nosed monkey	òcòḍ
<i>Cercocebus torquatus</i>	White-collared mangabey	òkátò
<i>Papio anubis</i>	Olive baboon	úkábú
<i>Lutra maculicollis</i>	Spotted-necked otter	ábyómi
<i>Aonyx capensis</i>	Cape clawless otter	ábyómi
<i>Nandinia binotata</i>	Palm-civet	ábu
<i>Crocidura spp.</i>	Shrew	áhí
<i>Mungos gambianus</i>	Gambian mongoose	àdúkwà
<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>	White-tailed mongoose	ájó
<i>Cricetmoys gambianus</i>	Pouched rat	ákóto
<i>Lemniscomys striatus</i>	Spotted grass mouse	àḡmòrò
<i>Periodicticus potto</i>	Potto	èkìrì
<i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>	Cane-rat	éḡmí
<i>Erinaceus albiventris</i>	Hedgehog	égbé
<i>Lemniscomys barbarus</i>	Barbary mouse	éḡmá
<i>Rattus rattus</i>	House rat	ikéléku
<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	Porcupine	ítòdòbì
<i>Sciuridae</i>	Squirrels	òcá (Generic for tree-squirrels)
<i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i>	Gambian sun-squirrel	òcá fufu
<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	Red-legged sun-squirrel	òkpùkpulu
<i>Funisciurus substriatus</i>	Green side-striped squirrel	òcá'rùgbé
<i>Anomalurus derbianus</i>	Derby's flying squirrel	ókótòbò
<i>Xerus erythropus</i>	Ground-squirrel	òkwéje
<i>Atherurus africanus</i>	Brush-tailed porcupine	ònùcécé
<i>Galago senegalensis</i>	Senegal galago	òtèkènèjè
<i>Felis serval</i>	Serval	òtéku
<i>Mus minutoides</i>	Pygmy mouse	ùbé
<i>Manis tricuspis</i>	White-bellied pangolin	átika
<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	Fruit-bat	idó
<i>Pipistrellus spp.</i>	Pipistrelles	òdùdè
<i>Hypsignathus monstrosus</i>	Hammer-headed bat	òkaga-idó