



The Elephants of the Watani Grasslands Reserve

The elephant herd at the North Carolina Zoo has grown! Use this guide to become familiar with our pachyderms. One female elephant, Nekhanda, is not shown here, but she will be joining the herd shortly.

You'll note that some of the elephants are redder than the others. Elephants enjoying dusting themselves with soil, and our Carolina red clay has stained their skin. Our new arrivals will slowly take on a reddish glow.



◀ C'sar

(pronounced "say-zar")

left ear injured early in life... it is smaller and stays flat against his body

thick tusk grow evenly

- Male, estimate birth 1974
- Wild caught in Africa, 1976
- C'sar came to the N.C. Zoo in 1978 from the International Animal Exchange in Michigan



C'sar has been at the N.C. Zoo longer than any other member of the permanent animal population



◀ Little Diamond

- Female, born in 1978 at the Knoxville Zoo, Tennessee
- Little Diamond came to the N.C. Zoo in 1995 (on loan from the Knoxville Zoo)

first African elephant born in North America

right tusk is very straight

left tusk is curved



Artie has several notches along the edges of his ears

No visible tusks



▲ Artie

- Male, estimated birth 1979
- Wild caught in Zimbabwe, Africa, around 1984
- Artie came to the N.C. Zoo in 2007 from Riddle's Elephant Sanctuary in Arkansas



right tusk is short and straight

left tusk is not visible



▶ Rafiki

(pronounced "rah-fee-kee")

- Female, born in 1981 in Zimbabwe, Africa
- Wild caught in 1983
- Rafiki came to the N.C. Zoo in 2003 from the Toledo Zoo



Batir is Tonga's daughter

young female



left tusk shorter than right tusk



◀ Tonga

- Female, born around 1978
- Wild caught in Africa, 1980
- Tonga came to the N.C. Zoo in 2007 from Riddle's Elephant Sanctuary in Arkansas



right tusk is longer than left



Batir is a young elephant so she is the smallest in the herd