

FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE CENTER

DICHOTOMOUS KEY

**Instructions- When trying to identify an animal always start with #1, and always use an adult as the example.

1. Have antlers_____2
Don't have antlers_____4
2. Have adam's apples_____Fallow Deer
Don't have adam's apples_____3
3. Has spots_____Axis Deer
Don't have spots; have solid reddish fur_____European Red Deer
4. Only males have horns_____5
Both males & females have horns_____7
5. Have spiraled horns_____6
Don't have spiraled horns; white ring around rump____Waterbuck
6. Large; have vertical stripes_____Greater Kudu
Small; have white underbelly & tan or dark topside____Blackbuck
7. White in color_____8
Not white in color_____10
8. Has spiraled horns & toupe_____Addax
Does not have spiraled horns & toupe_____9
9. Has curved horns_____Scimitar-horned Oryx
Has straight horns_____Arabian Oryx
10. Has straight horns & mask_____Gemsbok
Doesn't have straight horns & mask_____11
11. Have white facial marking_____12
Doesn't have white facial markings_____13
12. Have solid white underbelly_____Sable Antelope
Doesn't have solid white underbelly_____Blesbok
13. Have horns that point downward_____Aoudad
Don't have horns that point downward_____Wildebeest