

Sengi Taxonomy – a 2017 update

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During the last decade, several publications have proposed significant changes and additions to sengi taxonomy. Because taxonomy is fundamental to conservation, below I summarise the systematics of extant sengis, which includes 20 species in five genera. For subspecies taxonomy see literature cited, and for IUCN Red List status visit www.afrotheria.net. The species below ending with an * represent changes to the long-standing sengi taxonomy, as defined by Corbet and Hanks (1968). The short bibliography of peer-reviewed publications supports this updated listing.

Order: Macroscelidea Butler, 1956

Family: Macroscelididae Bonaparte, 1838

Subfamily: Macroscelidinae Bonaparte, 1838

Tribe: Elephantulini *

Genus: *Elephantulus* Thomas & Schwann, 1906

Elephantulus brachyrhynchus A. Smith, 1836

Elephantulus edwardii A. Smith, 1839

Elephantulus fuscipes Thomas, 1894

Elephantulus fuscus Peters, 1852

Elephantulus intufi A. Smith, 1836

Elephantulus myurus Thomas & Schwann, 1906

Elephantulus pilicaudus Smit, 2008 *

Elephantulus revoilii Huet, 1881

Elephantulus rufescens Peters, 1874

Elephantulus rupestris A. Smith 1831

Tribe: Macroscelidini *

Genus: *Macroscelides* A. Smith, 1829

Macroscelides flavicaudatus Lundholm, 1955 *

Macroscelides micus Dumbacher & Rathbun, 2014 *

Macroscelides proboscideus Shaw, 1800

Genus: *Petrodromus* Peters, 1846

Petrodromus tetradactylus Peters, 1846

Genus: *Petrosaltator* Rathbun & Dumbacher, 2016 *

Petrosaltator rozeti Duvernoy, 1833

Subfamily: Rhynchocyoninae Gill 1872

Genus: *Rhynchocyon* Peters, 1847

Rhynchocyon chrysopygus Günther, 1881

Rhynchocyon cirnei Peters, 1847

Rhynchocyon petersi Bocage, 1880

Rhynchocyon stuhlmanni Matschie, 1893 *

Rhynchocyon udzungwensis Rathbun & Rovero, 2008 *

Rhynchocyon sp. (undescribed form, northern coastal Kenya) *

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