

## 10 FRIENDS AND FOES – Survival

In Africa, elephants share territory with many other animals, but they only have limited interaction with a handful of these species. They are herbivores, so some of the species that elephants do interact with, either directly or indirectly, include birds, baboons, and antelope.



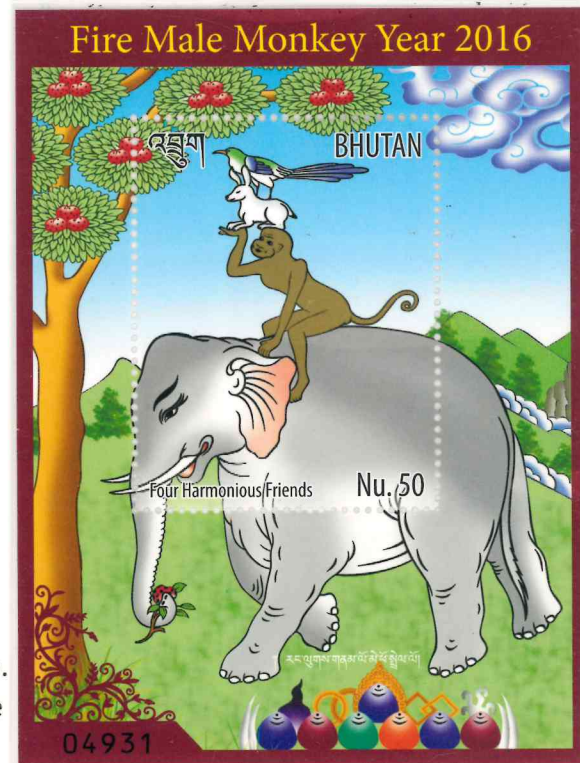
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Olive baboons and elephants have formed a symbiotic relationship. The baboons drink from water holes dug by the elephants, and the elephants rely on baboons sitting in the treetops to alert them.

Oxpeckers, cattle egrets ride on elephants' backs, eating parasites as well as insects that are stirred up from the dust and grass as elephants walk. Egrets and oxpeckers will sound an alarm call if predators' approach, giving elephants a chance to guard their babies.

Rhinos are quite commonly killed by young bull elephants. It may do with competition for food.

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