



BEISA ORYX

Oryx beisa

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult beisa oryx will average between 3 and 4 feet in height at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

Beisa oryx will range in size from 330-440 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Beisa oryx feed on fruit, grasses, leaves, and buds.

HABITAT

This animal will live in semi-desert areas, short grass steppes, and brush savannas.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The beisa oryx is located in its preferred habitat in eastern Africa.

FUN FACT

Herds of beisa oryx follow a hierarchal structure. In this structure, a dominant cow will lead the herd, with an alpha bull bringing up the rear.



The beisa oryx will usually travel in mixed groups ranging from 10 to 40 animals. When confronted by a predator, the beisa oryx will usually attempt to flee. However, when cornered this animal will fight by using its long, spear-like horns. Both males and females sport these long horns that can grow up to four feet in length. Because of the great length of the animal's horns, beisa oryx take great care to face away from one another when lying down to rest. When grazing as a herd, the animals will often place at least 40 inches between each other to avoid hurting one another with their horns.

