



BLACKBUCK

Antilope cervicapra

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Blackbucks have a shoulder height of 24 to 34 inches and a body length of about 3 feet.

WEIGHT

Blackbucks weigh between 55 and 77 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The blackbuck eats grasses, leaves, buds, and fruits.

HABITAT

The blackbuck can be found in dry woodlands and clearings.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The blackbuck is found in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh.

FUN FACT

One of the fastest land animals, the blackbuck has been clocked in excess of 48 miles per hour.



The blackbuck is named for the coloration of mature males. Blackbucks typically have a slender build, and mature males develop horns that twist in a tight spiral with up to five turns. Blackbucks are social animals, with herds generally ranging from 5 to 50 animals. The herds are harems, with a single adult male and a number of adult females and their young. Their sense of smell and hearing are not highly developed, so they rely on their eyesight to detect danger. When in danger, a single animal will bound in the air and is soon followed by the rest of the herd. The main predators of the blackbuck are wolves, tigers, and leopards.

