



BLUE WILDEBEEST

Connochaetes taurinus



The blue wildebeest, also known as the brindled gnu, is most active in the early morning and late afternoon hours, resting during the day. Wildebeests are extremely agile. When alarmed the animals jump up and down, flailing their tails and stomping their feet on the ground. Males are extremely territorial, and only males with a territory will mate. Blue wildebeests may be found in groups of 10 to over 1,000. Many of these herds are migratory; however, some of the herds will remain within the same range. These animals, unlike other bovids, enjoy rolling around in the sand.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The blue wildebeest averages between four and five feet in shoulder height and five and a half to eight feet in length.

WEIGHT

The blue wildebeest can range between 300 and 680 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

The blue wildebeest will typically eat a variety of grasses.

HABITAT

The blue wildebeest prefers open and brush-covered savanna.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The blue wildebeest is found throughout southeast Africa.

FUN FACT

A young wildebeest can stand within 15 minutes after birth.