



BONTEBOK

Damaliscus pygargus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An average adult bontebok will be 37 inches tall when standing upright on all four legs.

WEIGHT

The average adult bontebok will weigh close to 120 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

This animal is a herbivore whose diet consists of short grasses.

HABITAT

The bontebok lives on grassy plains called fynbos. Many of the plants on the fynbos have a bush-like appearance.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Bonteboks are only found in South Africa.

FUN FACT

The bontebok is considered to be the rarest antelope in the world.



Unlike most members of the antelope family, the bontebok lacks jumping skills. Instead of jumping over obstacles, the bontebok will actually attempt to crawl under most objects that restrict their grazing. After reaching sexual maturity, the male bontebok will establish a territory ranging in size from 25 to 100 acres. Males will stay on their territory year around, while herds of female bonteboks will graze through several territories within one breeding season. Although older bull bonteboks are often territorial, fights over territorial boundaries are rare.

