



BUSHBUCK

Tragelaphus scriptus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The bushbuck stands about two to three feet tall at the shoulder, and will be between three and five feet in length.

WEIGHT

Adult bushbucks range between 55 and 175 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

The bushbuck primarily eats leaves, buds, and fruits in addition to grasses.

HABITAT

The bushbuck can be found in open forests, dense woodlands, and bush savannas.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Bushbucks are found throughout Africa south of the Sahara.

FUN FACT

The bushbuck is an excellent jumper, and can clear fences taller than six feet with ease.



The bushbuck is a small animal that is dependent upon thick cover to hide from predators. It can live in areas lacking watering holes by drinking morning dew from the grass. The bushbuck mainly feeds on shrubs and grasses. They live in herds with a male hierarchy and groups of females. They are active throughout all hours of the day, but tend to be more nocturnal in areas with a large human presence. After a gestation of about six months, one fawn is born and matures within a year. Bushbucks can live for 12 years or more.

