



# CAPE GRYSBOK

*Raphicerus melanotis*



The cape grysbok is a small antelope that lives among the sand dunes of South Africa. They may shelter in reed beds or along riverbeds. The cape grysbok is mainly solitary and nocturnal, hiding during the heat of the day and venturing out at night. The young are born after a six-month gestation and will instinctively lay still and hide in brush when threatened. The cape grysbok is a browser, eating a variety of vegetative matter.

## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

The cape grysbok stands about 21 inches tall at the shoulder, and averages about two feet in length.

### WEIGHT

The cape grysbok ranges between 18 and 30 pounds in weight.

### FOOD HABITS

The cape grysbok prefers to feed on various kinds of grasses.

### HABITAT

The cape grysbok prefers thick bushes and shrublands.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The cape grysbok is only found at the extreme southern tip of Africa, in the southern and southwestern parts of Cape Province.

### FUN FACT

A baby cape grysbok is called a lamb.

