



COMMON (BUSH) DUIKER

Sylvicapra grimmia



The common duiker, also called the grey duiker, has longer legs and ears than most other species of duiker. It can be found in a number of habitats ranging from savannas to woodlands. The common duiker will live in almost any area as long as there is shelter and food. The main portion of its diet comes from leaves and shoots of bushy plants. They are solitary, with male territories rarely overlapping. Female territorial ranges may overlap a male's range, but will not overlap those of other females. They feed most of the day, and the males like to rest in a high area where they can look over their territorial range.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The common duiker stands about one and a half to two feet tall at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

The common duiker ranges between 20 and 40 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

The common duiker primarily eats tree and brush foliage and will also occasionally eat carrion.

HABITAT

The common duiker prefers to live in savannas, bushy steppes, sparse forests, and mountainous regions.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The common duiker is found throughout most of Africa south of the Sahara.

FUN FACT

The common duiker has exceptional speed and stamina and is usually able to outrun a dog if it is being chased.