



GERENUK

Litocranius walleri

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The gerenuk stands 3 to 3.5 feet tall at the shoulder and ranges from 4.5 to 5.5 feet in length.

WEIGHT

Gerenuks weigh between 65 and 125 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Gerenuks are browsers of herbaceous plants. They do not drink but get their water from the succulent plants they eat.

HABITAT

Gerenuks are found in brushy steppe and scrub areas and in high deserts.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

This animals are found in the arid regions of eastern Africa, including Somalia and Ethiopia.

FUN FACT

The gerenuk is also known as the 'giraffe-gazelle' because of its long slender neck.



Male gerenuks are solitary and very territorial. They only associate with females during the mating season or when they are young. Dominant males establish territories by marking trees and shrubs with their preorbital gland. Other dominant males can enter another's territory without any aggression or defensiveness being displayed, but a young male without its own territory will be run off if it enters a dominant male's territory. Their long necks, long legs, and ability to stand on their hind legs allows gerenuks to obtain tree leaves that are out of reach for most other species of antelope .

