



IMPALA

Aepyceros melampus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult impala will stand two to three feet in height at the shoulder and be four to five feet in length.

WEIGHT

An average impala will weigh between 85 and 175 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Impala prefer to feed on grasses, leaves, blossoms, and fruit.

HABITAT

Impala typically live in woodland savannahs.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Impala populations can be found throughout most regions of eastern Africa.

FUN FACT

The lifespan of an impala can exceed 15 years.



The impala is active 24 hours a day, alternating their time between resting and grazing. Although much of this animal's water intake will come from the vegetation it feeds upon, it will also have to drink water at least once a day. Male impalas will generally travel in herds of approximately 30 at a time, while groups of females and offspring contain closer to 200 individuals. When threatened, the impala will retreat into dense vegetation. This characteristic separates the impala from other plains grazers, who will generally retreat into open grasslands. The main predators of the impala are the lion, leopard, cape hunting dog, spotted hyena, crocodile, and python.

