



RED-FLANKED DUIKER

Cephalophus rufilatus



The red-flanked duiker lives singly or in pairs and is very sedentary. Animals occupy small home ranges, which may be maintained for many months provided there is no disturbance. These home ranges are marked with secretions from the preorbital gland, which is relatively large compared to other duikers. The red-flanked duiker is shy and wary, and when it is disturbed it rushes with a bouncing gait to the nearest cover, keeping its head low.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Red-flanked duikers average 15 inches high at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

On average, adult red-flanked duikers weigh about 25 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The red-flanked duiker is primarily a browser, feeding mostly on leaves but also on twigs, flowers, and fruits.

HABITAT

Red-flanked duikers inhabit riparian forests and savanna areas near vegetative cover.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Western and central African north of the equator and south of the Sahara.

FUN FACT

The common name duiker is Afrikaans for "diver", a reference to the species' characteristic flight into the undergrowth when alarmed