



# ROAN ANTELOPE

*Hippotragus equinus*



The Roan Antelope is a large, reddish-brown antelope with white undersides. A distinct pattern of black and white markings is found on the face. The ears are very large, and the horns, which curve backward, can grow up to three feet in length. There is a mane on the back of the neck and a small beard on the throat. The Roan Antelope is typically found in herds of 5 to 15 animals, each of which contains a single dominant male, multiple females, and their young male and female offspring. The single, dominant males usually mate with all of the females in that herd. The remaining males of breeding age are typically found in bachelor herds.



## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

The Roan Antelope has a body length of 7.5 to 9 feet, with a shoulder height of about 5 feet.

### WEIGHT

The Roan Antelope weighs between 500 and 650 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

Roan Antelope are grazers that prefer to eat leaves.

### HABITAT

Roan Antelope can be found in light wooded savannas and grasslands. They must have access to water.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Roan Antelope are found throughout much of central Africa.

### FUN FACT

Roan Antelope will often confront predators such as lions by using their long, strongly-decurved horns as weapons.