



SOEMMERRING'S GAZELLE

Gazella soemmerringii

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The Soemmerring's gazelle stands 2.3 to 3 feet tall at the shoulder and is between 4 and 5 feet in length.

WEIGHT

Soemmerring's gazelles weigh between 75 and 100 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The diet of the Soemmerring's gazelle consists primarily of grasses, but they also eat acacia leaves and other herbs.

HABITAT

The Soemmerring's gazelle is found on steppes with brush and acacia.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The Soemmerring's gazelle is found in eastern-most Africa.

FUN FACT

In many parts of Africa, large stone corrals were constructed to drive herds of gazelle into, making for an easy ambush. This method of hunting started in prehistoric times and continued into the early part of the twentieth century.



Soemmerring's gazelles migrate annually in the Sudan, relocating to areas with more food and water. Males are territorial, though this may be on a temporary basis. Defended ranges are staked out via dung middens, while the small-slitted preorbital glands do not seem to play a role in marking. When confronting rival males, Soemmerring's gazelles flick their heads, and when fights arise they yank their hooked horns sideways in an attempt to make the opponent lose his balance. When herding females, males make a nasal croak. During the courting of a receptive female, the male drives her at a walking pace with his head

