



SUNI

Neotragus moschatus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

A full grown suni will stand 13 to 15 inches in height at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

An adult suni will weigh an average of 11 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The suni's diet is composed primarily of fallen leaf litter.

HABITAT

The suni can be found in thick, dry underbrush either in montane or riparian habitats.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Southeastern coastal regions of Africa.

FUN FACT

The suni is named for the pungent smell that originates from the musky secretions produced by the preorbital glands.



The suni is usually described as shy and secretive. Suni are active during the evenings and at night, and they spend the day sleeping in sheltered and shaded areas. Males defend territories, which they demarcate with preorbital gland secretions. The peripheries of these territories may additionally be marked with individual or communal dung piles. Adult male suni generally associate with one to four females. The coloration and spectacled appearance of the suni provide considerable camouflage, which it uses to its advantage by freezing and remaining hidden in response to danger.

