



THOMSON'S GAZELLE

Gazella thomsoni



Thomson's gazelles typically travel in herds of up to 200 members, but when they migrate, thousands of individuals can be found traveling together in one group. This species migrates annually according to the wet and dry seasons. Males create territories that are intensely defended and marked with urine, feces, and a secretion from the preorbital gland on the side of the head. A male from one territory may intentionally provoke another from a different territory. The two males lock horns and engage in a battle of force that can result in injuries. These encounters happen as many as 20 to 30 times a day.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Thomson's gazelles stand between two and three feet tall. Males are larger than females.

WEIGHT

Thomson's gazelles weigh between 35 and 65 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Thomson's gazelles prefer lush green grass, but they will also eat other small vegetation.

HABITAT

Thomson's gazelles migrate annually from woodlands to short-grass steppes.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The Thomson's gazelle inhabits Tanzania and Kenya.

FUN FACT

Thomson's gazelle is one of the most abundant species of gazelle in Africa.