



BAY DUIKER

Cephalophus dorsalis

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

A full grown bay duiker will stand 16-22 inches in height at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

Adult bay duikers will reach an average weight of 35-40 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Although some bay duikers have been known to stalk and eat birds, the main portion of their diet comes from eggs, fruit, roots, leaves, grasses, and other vegetation.

HABITAT

The bay duiker prefers a dense forest habitat.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The bay duiker is found in the dense forest settings of western and central Africa.

FUN FACT

The dark stripe found on the bay duiker's back does not become apparent until it is four months of age.



The bay duiker is rarely seen in its natural habitat, due to the animal's strictly nocturnal schedule. During the day, the bay duiker will seek shelter in hollow trees or dense thickets. Because of the thick vegetation found in this habitat, frequently used paths by the bay duikers take on the appearance of tunnels on the forest floor. It is highly uncommon to find family units of bay duikers in one area. These animals prefer to live alone or in pairs. The main predators to the bay duiker include large owls, eagles, leopards, small cats, civets, pythons, monitors, and crocodiles.

