



BLUE DUIKER

Cephalophus monticola

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The blue duiker averages between 12 and 16 inches in height at the shoulder and is typically between a foot and a half to two and a half feet in length.

WEIGHT

The blue duiker ranges between 8 and 12 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

The blue duiker typically feeds on grasses, leaves, fruit, insects, and eggs.

HABITAT

The blue duiker prefers to live in dense thickets, riverine forests, and mountain forests up to 10,000 feet in elevation.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The blue duiker can be found throughout the central part of Africa.

FUN FACT

Each pair of blue duikers has its own territory that they heavily mark with urine.



The blue duiker can be found in mixed forests at all altitudes. Male blue duikers always have horns, while they are absent or hidden by a short head crest in the females. Blue duikers are very vocal animals. The females make soft groaning calls, while the males make a whistling or sneezing sound to warn others. Males and females keep the same partners for life. Females typically give birth to one offspring (rarely two) and will not abandon their young until they are 18 months old. Each pair of blue duikers has its own territory that they heavily mark with urine.

