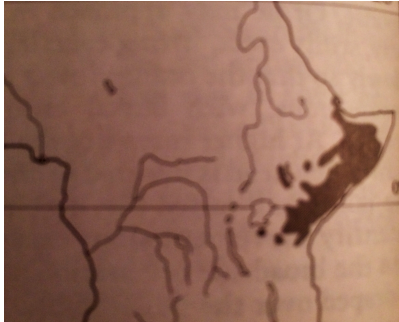


# Lesser Kudu

## *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*



Range: Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and Tanzania  
Size: : 95-105 cm (37-41 in)  
: 90-100 cm (35-39 in)  
Weight : 92-108 kg (203-238 lbs)  
: 56-70 kg (123-154 lbs)

Horns: 50-70 cm (2-5 in) massive

Habitat: bush, thickets

Estrus: several days

Estrus cycle: 21-22 days

Gestation : 30-34 weeks

Litter: 1

Weaning: 16-20 weeks

Sexual maturity: 19 months

Lifestyle: Terrestrial

Activity: Diurnal

Social: multi-female herd 2-4 adults males solitary

Breeding: polygynous

Movement : generally sedentary

Food: leaves fruit pods of succulents

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies : 2

Longevity: captive: 18 yrs

Wild: n/a

Order: Artiodactyla Family: Bovidae

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The Lesser Kudu is a medium sized antelope which lives in the bush of east Africa. It is sexually dimorphic. The males are blue-grey with white stripes and large spiraled horns while the females are reddish-brown with white stripes and hornless. There are two subspecies of lesser kudu with *T. i. imberbis* living in Ethiopia, Somalia and *T. i. australis* from Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and southern Somalia.

The lesser kudu lives in the semi-arid bush utilizing the heavy thicket for cover. Having a slender body this antelope can maneuver through the thorny underbrush easily. The diet of leaves and fruit of water storing succulents provide the lesser kudu with enough water that it rarely drinks.