

# Red-flanked duiker ... a jewel from the forest floor!

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AQUARIUMS  
ANTELOPE AND  
GIRAFFE TAG



## MEASUREMENTS

**Length:** 2.5 feet

**Height:** 1 foot at shoulder

**Weight:** 25 lbs



Mixed habitats



Central Africa

IUCN  
LEAST  
CONCERN

170,000  
in the wild

## Care and Husbandry

**RED SSP:** 12.19 (31) in 12 AZA institutions (2019)

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**Social nature:** Kept singly or in breeding pairs; territorial towards others of the same species, although a pair may accept grown offspring.

**Mixed species:** Galagos, guenons and colobus, numerous ungulates (other duikers, steenbok, gazelles, gerenuk, pygmy hippos, okapi), and many African bird species.

**Housing:** Not cold-tolerant. Indoor space and supplemental heat should be provided at temperatures below 45°F. Options to separate pairs should be incorporated into holdings.

**Medical notes:** Manual restraint (not anesthesia) is recommended for medical procedures. Rumenitis and amyloidosis issues need further study.

**Special requirements:** Stress easily if not provided with visual barriers. Diet is somewhat specialized; in addition to alfalfa, produce, and a complete pelleted feed, daily supply of browse is optimal.

**Keeper resources:** Typical light workload. Time invested in crate training for routine weighing and transport is highly beneficial.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>

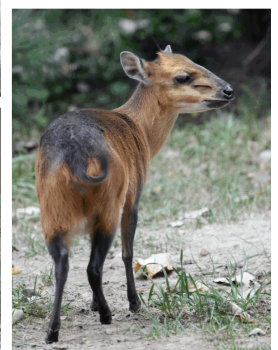
## Why exhibit red-flanked duikers?

- Multi-task your existing exhibits with this versatile species. Red-flanked duikers fit well into many larger aviaries with birds, in large paddocks with other ungulates, and even with some primates!
- Capitalize on the public's fascination with baby animals using with *ADULT* red-flanked duikers! The small size, brightly-colored coats, and large eyes of this species make them especially appealing.
- Use gumballs as a theme to raise awareness and funds, and compare human chewing with the jaw-breaker strength of these fruit-eaters!
- Highlight conservation issues surrounding the bushmeat trade and deforestation for agriculture: duikers are among the most affected animals.
- Surprise visitors by sharing how this vibrant antelope camouflages well from leopards, who can't distinguish between red duikers and green plants!

## Get involved with stewardship!

Bushmeat Crisis Taskforce

<http://www.bushmeat.org/>



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