



Species Fact Sheet



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Gerenuk

Litocranius walleri

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Habitat: They do well in a variety of habitats, provided there is a good supply of succulent plants.

Range: East Africa from Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and into southern Somalia.

Activity Cycle: Diurnal— active during the day

Size: Between 56-64 inches tall when standing on their back legs and 62-115 pounds.

Social Structure: Gerenuks live in small groups, mostly consisting of related females and their young. Males are territorial and mark their area with scent glands found over their eyes.

Distinguishing Features: They have a long neck and long, thin set of legs. When eating, they stand on their hind legs and extend their neck to reach leaves in the trees. Males have horns that they can use to defend their territory.

Diet: Leaves, herbaceous plants, succulents

Life Span: 10-12 years

Did you know?

**Gerenuk means "giraffe neck"
in Somali.**