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## Thomson's Gazelle

*Gazella Thomsoni*

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**Habitat:** Open plains and grasslands

**Range:** Southern Kenya to Northern Tanzania

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal— active during the day

**Size:**  
About 23-28 inches tall and between 30-65 pounds

**Social Structure:** Live in herds of up to 200 members. They are one of the three species that makes up the great Serengeti migration, along with zebras and wildebeest. They can be found in groups of more than 500,00 during the Migration.

**Distinguishing Features:** A dark side stripe runs from the shoulder to the back leg, this stripe can be contracted or exposed depending on if the gazelle is trying to camouflage or not.

**Diet:** Herbivore eating short grasses, seeds, shrubs

**Life Span:** 10-15 years

### ***Did you know?***

***Male Thomson's Gazelles' horns help them defend their territories by challenging encroaching males to a dual.***