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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bongo

Tragelaphus eurycerus

The bongo is the largest forest antelope in the world and a masterpiece of camouflage engineering. Ten to fifteen vertical white stripes on a deep chestnut coat break its outline in the dappled under…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Dense forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 150-405 kg
Scientific name: Tragelaphus eurycerus

Did you know?

- The Eastern or mountain bongo (T. e. isaaci) is one of the rarest large mammals in Africa, with fewer than 100 individuals left in the wild.
- Bongos are largely nocturnal and are so shy that the eastern subspecies was studied for years mostly through camera traps and dung. Adults show a str…

What I learned

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