

*Pequeño kudu* (Sp), *Kleiner Kudu* (G), *Petit koudou* (F). *Imberbis* alludes to its lack of a beard as compared to a greater kudu.

**DESCRIPTION** Shoulder height 38-41 inches (96-104 cm). Weight 175-220 pounds (80-100 kg).

The lesser kudu is a graceful, slender, medium-sized antelope with long, spiraling horns. It has a straight back, large ears and a bushy tail. It is grayish brown in color (becoming bluish gray in older animals), with 11-13 well-defined white stripes on each side, an incomplete white chevron between the eyes, and white patches on throat and neck. Its short, brown mane continues as a white dorsal crest. Only the males have horns, and these are keeled, with 2-3 close spirals, and diverge only moderately. The female is slightly smaller, without horns, and is a rufous tan in color.

**BEHAVIOR** Lives singly, in pairs, or in small family groups. Adult males associate with females only when breeding. A single calf is born after a gestation period of about seven months. Not territorial.

Largely nocturnal, feeding during late evening and early morning and hiding by day in cover. Mainly a browser of leaves and twigs. Grazes occasionally. Drinks daily when available, but can go long periods without water. Hearing and sense of smell are very good, eyesight is fair. A better runner than the greater kudu, and a good jumper. Shy and alert.

**HABITAT** Semi-arid country with thick bush. Can live in much drier habitat than the greater kudu.

**DISTRIBUTION** Southeastern Sudan; southern and eastern Ethiopia; Somalia; the Karamoja region of northeastern Uganda; Kenya; and central and northeastern Tanzania.

**REMARKS** A very fine game animal that is not found in all collections. More difficult to hunt than the greater kudu.

### *Lesser Kudu*



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