

## SHARPES GRYSBOK

*Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Chordata Class: Mammalia Order: Artiodactyla Family: Bovidae*  
*Raphicerus sharpei*

**Description:** The Sharpe's Grysbok is delicate and alert

**Length:** 25-30 inches

**Weight:** 35 lbs

**Lifespan:** Unknown

**Habitat:** Rocky terrain with underbrush.

**Range:** Southern and Central Africa

**Status:** Unknown

**Diet in the Wild:** Leaves, shrubs, grasses, fruit and flowers

**Special Features:**

- Only the males have horns
- Females are larger than males
- Extremely shy and secretive
- Solitary
- Nocturnal
- When disturbed, it will scurry to the undergrowth with its head held straight down.
- Is known to use old burrows, especially from aardvarks, as protection from enemies.
- It is named after Sir Arthur Sharpe who first discovered it in Malawi
- It has whitish rings around its eyes.
- Rams and ewes will rest some distance apart.
- Grysbok means "grizzled buck"
- Lack false hooves
- Territorial
- Eye and facial glands are used in communication

**Breeding/Care of Young:**

- Sexual maturity 6-19 months
- Gestation is 7 months
- Single lamb
- Weaning 3 months old