

The Bontebok



The hair of the Bontebok is soft and has a iridescent sheen. The body colour is a deep purple-red with a white blaze on the face and a white tail. The horns are well developed in both sexes and are angular and ringed (up to 18 inches).

Name: Damaliscus dorcas

Diet Description: Grazers, feeding on short grasses.

Habitat: Bontebok prefer short grass plains in fynbos areas.

Distribution: Once considered to be the rarest antelope in the world but careful conservation has ensured its survival. Only found in protected areas in South Africa.

Socialisation: Males have small territories, possibly occupied for life. Females wander the territories in groups of +/- 3. Also found in large herds containing young animals of both sexes.

Reproduction: Females become sexually mature at about 2 years of age. Males compete for females through postural displays and ritualistic sparring with the horns.

Gestation: 7 to 8 months. Give birth to a single young

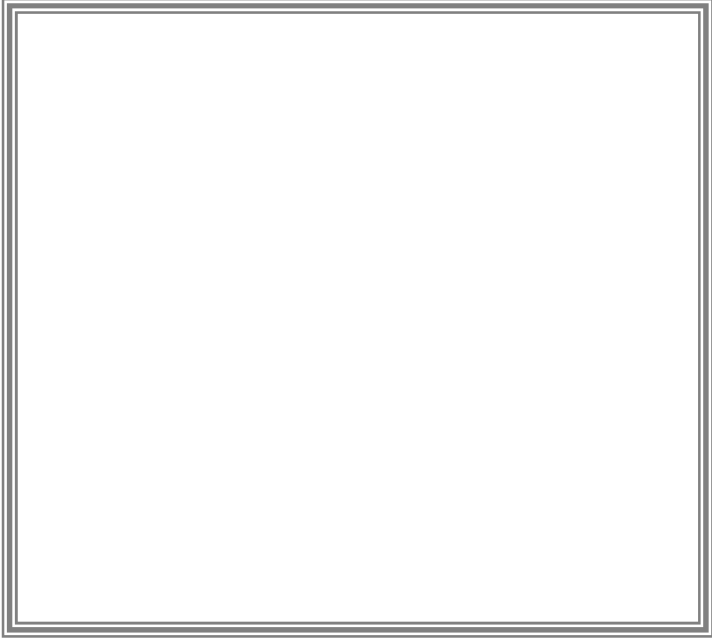
The Bontebok National Park in the Western Cape lies 6 kilometres south of Swellendam. The park was proclaimed in 1931 to prevent the last few remaining Bontebok from following the footsteps of the Blue Antelope into extinction.



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