

Learn about Kirk's Dik-dik!

Kirk's Dik-dik are one of the smallest species of antelope. They are native to Africa where they live in male and female pairs instead of large herds. They are herbivores, their favorite foods are Acacia leaves, but they also eat a lot of grass, fruits and other parts of plants.

Kirk's Dik-dik have many predators, including lions, leopards, hyenas, painted dogs, monitor lizards, pythons, and even large eagles! They are nocturnal, active mostly at night, to help them avoid their predators as well as the extreme heat of the African savanna.

Noses to keep Cool

Kirk's Dik-dik have a unique nose that they pant through to help keep themselves cool. They also use their nose to make a call that sounds like "zik-zik" or "dik-dik," which is where they get their name!



The Little Rock Zoo works with the Kirk's Dik-dik Species Survival Plan, which helps to protect this amazing species in zoos and in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-kirks-dik-dik/>

African Wildlife Foundation: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-kirks-dik-dik/>

Tiny Antelope Horns!

Dik-dik have small horns to help them defend themselves from predators and keep other Dik-dik out of their territory. They also have large ears to help them listen for predators like leopards! Decorate and cut out your own set of Horns and Ears. Then ask an adult to help you make a paper headband and use the tab to glue your horns and ears to it. Show off your amazing horns and ears!

