

KLIPSPRINGER MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

A MAJESTIC TINY ANTELOPE FOR ALL TO ENJOY

Please take some time to admire this gregarious beauty. That's it. Just admire it because it likely admires you.



Sounds like klip·spruhng·ur

Fact: The klipspringer stands between 17 and 24 inches tall at the shoulder and weighs between 18 and 40 pounds. This small, sturdy, adorable antelope species is found in rocky areas of sub-Saharan Africa.

Fact: Klipspringers have small, cylindrical hooves that are adapted for gripping rocky surfaces. They appear to walk on their tiptoes, which is an adaptation for navigating uneven terrain.

Fact: Standing less than 2 feet tall at the shoulder, they can jump 10 to 15 feet straight up in the air!

Klipspringer Favorite Shoe: Nike Air Jordan III, circa 1987 (original colors of course)

Klipspringer Favorite Grunge Band: Smashing Pumpkins (Klipspringers are vegetarians and might love pumpkins, though not sure)



Cuddly? Likely, haven't gotten close enough to pet or cuddle with one yet. But likely. I mean, just look at them.



Klipspringer Favorite Pokemon: Charmander, looks like a chubby, non-horned fire-tailed Klipspringer. Come to think of it, it doesn't look like a Klipspringer at all. I wonder why they don't like Rhyhorn; that one is great.

The klipspringer can live at altitudes as high as 15,000 ft on Mount Kilimanjaro

Klipspringer Favorite Mountain: Crystal Mountain in Michigan. Klipspringers might wish they could ski there. I'm not sure. But it's a nice mountain. Really just a decent sized hill with a great marketing department.



Klipspringers have a dark forehead, short, rounded ears with black markings, prominent preorbital glands (used for scent marking), and white lips and chin. Males typically have short, spiky horns, but in some eastern African populations, females may also have horns.

Klipspringer Possible Favorite Cologne: Brut, a great aftershave if you're in a pinch. Good luck on date night.

Speaking of date night, here's one:



Then Klipspringer nuptials, then 6 months (yes, not 9) months later:



A traditional animal, the klipspringer is [monogamous](#) to a much greater extent than other antelopes; individuals of opposite sexes exhibit long-term to lifelong [pair bonding](#). The mates tend to stay as close as within 5 meters of each other at most times. I switched it up and went metric on this one to keep you keen.

Klipspringer Favorite Book: Dictionary. Let's be honest, they have a lot of spare time guys. Don't judge.

Do Klips crumple or fold their toilet paper? GOTCHA, none needed:



Honestly, this is deer poop. Googled Klip poop but no luck.

However, better than Rhino poop:



Gotta mark that turf, know what I'm sayin'?

Klipspringers depend mainly on [succulent plants](#), and not on water bodies, to meet their water requirement, which is great because drinking fountains are known to be rather sparse in northeastern [Sudan](#), [Eritrea](#), northern Somalia and Ethiopia in the east to South Africa in the south, and along coastal Angola and Namibia. Also great because, have you ever tried to push the drinking fountain button with hooves? Possible but not easy.

Primarily a [browser](#), the klipspringer prefers young plants, fruits and flowers.



Bro looks like he's about to crush this dinner.

Klipspringers are known to use these thorns as toothpicks after a scrumptious dinner. Or not, I just thought that would be pretty awesome if they did.

Time out to admire a fine Klipspringer, likely just chilling out on a rock, perhaps listening to some Grateful Dead's "Althea", not because it's about a cat, but I'd like to think Klipspringers admire a fine cat.



Awwwww

But probably not this one, I'm not sure. Need to do more research:



Alas, I digress. Back to Klip Central.

Klipspringer Favorite Automobile: Volkswagen Rabbit, also known to be quite cuddly, which we're still assuming Klipspringers are. Also here's a fun pic of a giant deer (not a Klipspringer) jumping over a (non-Volkswagen) car:



Pretty cool, the driver must be ducking.

With four hooves—each about as big around as a dime—this pint-sized rock hopper can jump onto a spot the size of an Oreo cookie.



Klipspringer Favorite Cookie: Oreo, likely double stuffed because let's be honest, these guys all seem just a little chubby.

Klipspringer Favorite TV Show: “The Office”

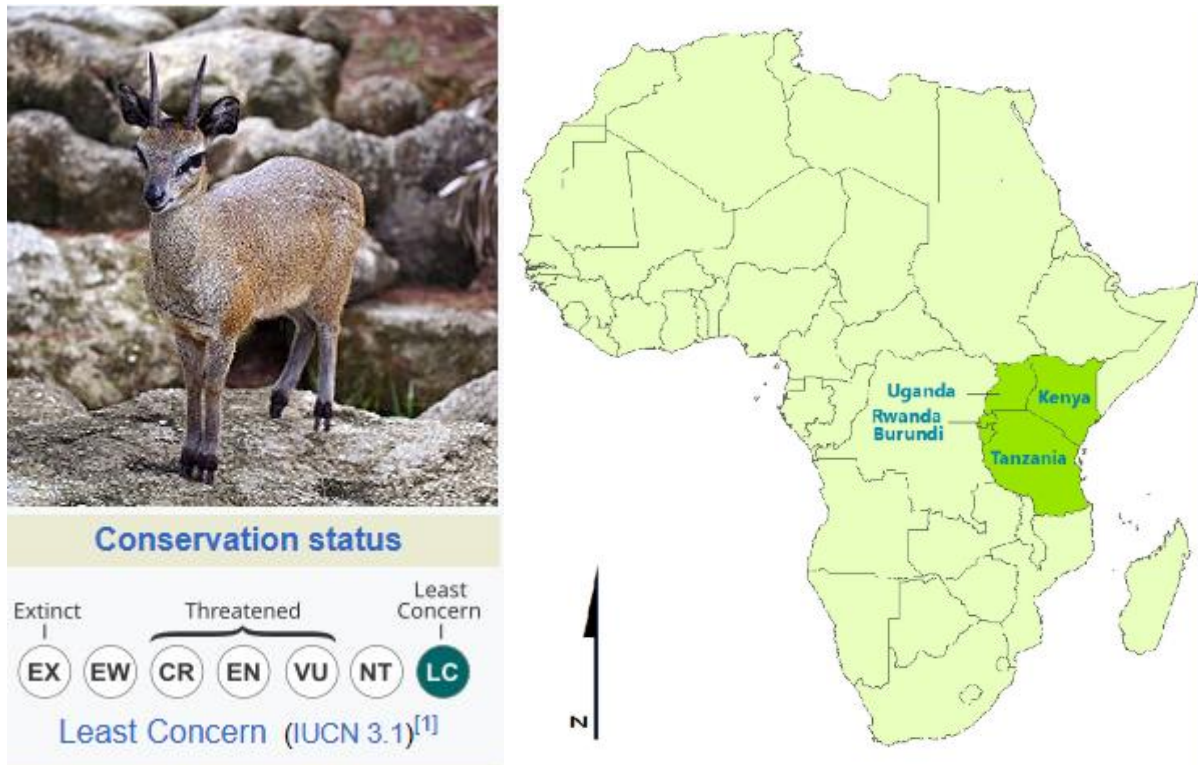
Klipspringer Favorite “The Office” characters: Phyllis, Kevin, Stanley



Klipspringer is Dutch for "rock jumper". Man, now I'm really confused. Some Dutch dude named an African mini antelope? They do say, "If it ain't Dutch, it ain't much" so I guess nice job Dutchman.

Klipspringers were first [described](#) by German zoologist [Eberhard August Wilhelm von Zimmermann](#) in 1783. Man these European dudes really admire majestic tiny antelopes! Well done good sirs.

Klipspringers are feared to be extinct in [Burundi](#), but doing pretty well elsewhere (except the 6 continents it doesn't exist on, duh).



Curious, why don't they just walk across the national boundaries and repopulate Burundi?

Typically [nocturnal](#), the klipspringer rests during the middle of the day and late at night.

[Klipspringer Favorite Song](#): "Waited Up All Night" by The Samples

[Klipspringer Backup Favorite Song](#): "Africa" by Toto

[Klipspringer Backup Favorite Song](#): "Africa" by Toto, covered by Weezer (really gets the crowd on their feet)

[Klipspringer Backup Favorite Song](#): "Warm Heart of Africa" by The Very Best and Ezra Koenig

[Klipspringer Backup Favorite Song](#): "Two Weeks In Africa" by Caedmon's Call

[Klipspringer Backup Favorite Song](#): "Thunder Island" by Jay Ferguson (I know, curveball, I was surprised too)

They can stand on their hindlegs to reach tall branches up to 1.2 m (3 ft 11 in) above the ground; truly the Manute Bol of tiny hooved animals.

[Klipspringer Favorite Bible Verse](#): Genesis 1:25: God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and **small** animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

[Klipspringer Favorite Font](#): Times New Roman of course. Let's keep it real. Aptos is laim.

[Klipspringer Favorite Quote](#): "A little whimsy every now and then is welcomed by the wisest men" --Wonka

There are no major threats to the survival of the klipspringer, as its habitat is inaccessible and unfavourable for hunting. Genius move Team Klip, Charles Darwin Seal of Approval! Also great British spelling of unfavorable!



Klipspringer Favorite Country: Liechtenstein certainly, the cutest and cuddliest of all countries: it has an area of just over 160 square kilometers (62 square miles) and a population of approximately 40,000.



Common Klipspringer conversation (if they could talk, inhabited Liechtenstein, which as we've already covered they do not, but could in the future (doubtful)): "Welp, no problem climbing that Liechtensteinian mountain but I just can't get the front door of this dang mountaintop mansion open. Thanks a lot hooves."

For those wondering, The current monarch of Liechtenstein is Prince Hans-Adam II, and his son, Hereditary Prince Alois, is the regent. For the other 100% of you, no real need to memorize their names.

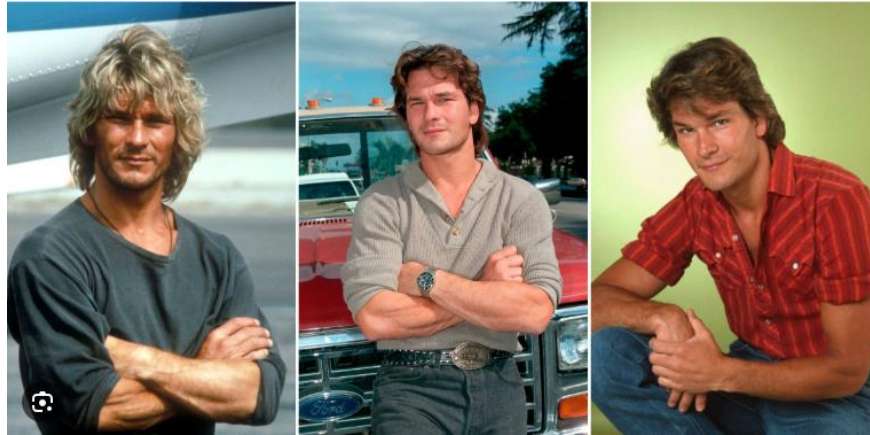
Thanks to our friends at Encyclopedia Britannica for the map. Friends I haven't met yet, but for sure great folks. Have you ever met a Cartographer who wasn't awesome?

Klipspringer Favorite TV Character: Lil' Sebastian from Parks and Recreation



Unlike most other antelopes, the klipspringer has a thick and coarse coat with hollow, brittle hairs. The [horns](#), short and spiky, typically measure 7.5–9 cm (3–3+½ in).

Klipspringer Favorite American Actor: Patrick Swayze



Beautiful coat, thick, possibly coarse in “Point Break”

Klipspringer Favorite Movies: “Point Break”, obvy. I mean, have you seen this film? Also “Hoosiers”. Rumor has it Manute Bol auditioned for “Hoosiers” but was too tall to portray a 1950’s basketball player.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources ([IUCN](#)) classifies the klipspringer as [Least Concern](#). This ain’t no future Dodo Bird.



Obviously no living Dodo photos currently available, but hey, maybe they’ll Jurassic Park this fella, you never know. Crazy times.

Klipspringer Favorite Lesiure Activities: Mall walking, card tricks (kidding, hooves, duh), restoring classic cars, not Euchure (hooves again, troublesome), and trading 1980’s baseball cards (who knew).

If a Klipspringer had a million dollars, he/she would:

1. Donate 10% to charity (I told you they’re a really great species).
2. Buy some Powerball tickets, I mean, what the heck right? \$950 milly tonight.
3. Chopper to Tahiti for a long weekend, possibly then on to Liechtenstein to see the Regent.
4. Go see Barenaked Ladies in concert (the band, silly, and a dang fun one).
5. Buy a Volkswagen Westfalia campervan and tour Burundi to work on that whole repopulation project.

That’s it! What a great majestic tiny antelope. Want a sweet sticker? Send \$5.00 to _____. 100% of profits will go to the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, but not for Klipspringers. Remember, they don’t need the help, silly.