

# Greater Malayan Chevrotain

**Scientific Name:** *Tragulus napu*

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Artiodactyla

**Family:** Tragulidae



The head and body length combined is 20 to 24 inches. The weight of the animal runs from 9 to 13 pounds. Its coat is uniform red. They have a cumbersome build, with short thin legs and have limited agility. Males are smaller than females. These small secretive creatures are most active at night. Like other ruminants, they have a four-chambered stomach. Their gut is modified for the fermentation of food. They lead a solitary lifestyle and have no horns or antlers. They are easy prey and an important source of food for many predators, including large snakes, crocodiles, eagles and forest-inhabiting cats. These animals are often referred to as mouse deer. The survival of this species depends on the conservation of their habitat and restriction of hunting.

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## Range

SE Asia excluding Java

## Habitat

Tropical Rainforest (Asiatic prefer rocky habitats)

## Gestation

5 months

## Litter

1-2

## Behavior

They live solitary or in pairs and are mainly nocturnal.

## Reproduction

Breeding can occur throughout the year. The active young are fully developed at birth, being capable of standing within 30 minutes. Sexual and physical maturity comes at about 5 months.

## Wild Diet

Grass, leaves of low-bushes, fruit.