

# Muntjac deer (*Muntiacus reevesi*)

## Synonyms:

- Chinese muntjac, barking deer, Reeves' muntjac, Carw Mwentjac (Welsh)
- *Cervus reevesi*

**Consignments likely to come from:** unknown

**Use:** may be hunted for sport

**Identification difficulty:** easy

## Identification information:

- small deer, 47-50cm at the shoulder, dog-like appearance
- reddish grey / brown coat with buff underparts and white on the inside of thigh and chin
- distinctive facial markings
- antlers curve backwards and in older animals terminate in a hooked point
- single sharp barks repeated at short intervals



## Key ID Features





# Similar species

Muntjac deer could be confused with roe deer and Chinese water deer, but are smaller in size and have distinctive facial markings.

*Muntiacus reevesi* (Muntjac deer)  
(for comparison)



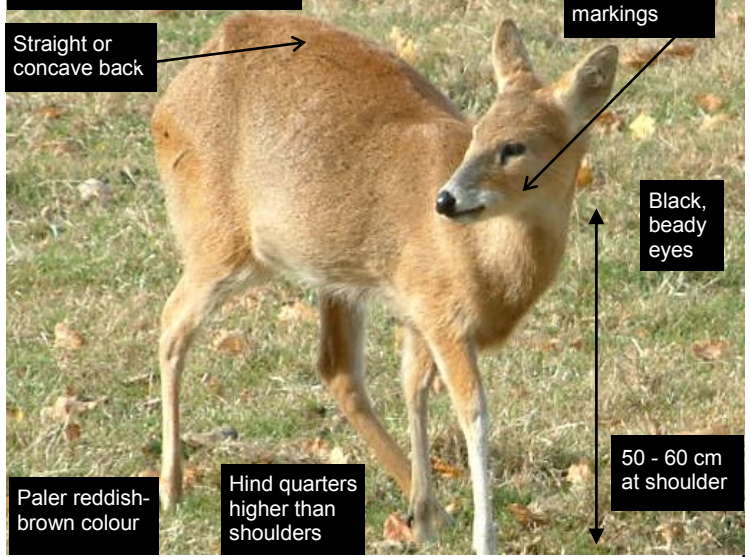
**Roe Deer**  
Native  
(*Capreolus capreolus*)

Female



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**Chinese Water Deer**  
Non-native  
(*Hydropotes inermis*)



**Roe Deer**



White patch not clearly outlined in black, short tail

**Chinese Water Deer**



No white patch, short stumpy tail

**Muntjac Deer**



Dark rump, white underside to tail

Approximately to scale