

Reeve's Muntjac



Scientific Name:
Muntiacus reevesi

Range:
Southern Chin and Taiwan

Habitat:
Dense forest

Average Size:
Body Length: 31-44 inches
Shoulder Height: 17-22 inches
Weight: 30-61 pounds

Lifespan:
Up to 17 years

Diet:
Wild: Grass, leaves, shoots and fruit

Zoo: Hay, herbivore pellets, produce

Reproduction:
Gestation: 209-220 days

Litter size: 1 or 2 fawns

Appearance:
These tiny deer are dark golden brown on the back fading to a light gold or ivory on the chest. Males have antlers that rarely exceed four inches in length.

Predators:
Carnivores and humans

Population Status:
Stable



About the Animal

Muntjac are often call barking deer. When frightened or during breeding season, they will emit a deep, barking sound. Adult males have tusk-like upper canine teeth, which curve outward from the lip. These teeth are capable of inflicting serious damage on predators.

Like other deer, adult males grow antlers. However, in this species, antlers are hardly more than hooks, rarely exceeding 5 – 6 inches in length, with the average closer to 4 inches.

Muntjac are primarily solitary, with groups of up to four observed in the wild. They thrive in captivity

with established colonies found in zoos around the world. In their home range, they are considered pests and are hunted for their meat and skins.

Mating and Reproduction:

Muntjac are able to breed throughout the year, with the majority of births taking place between March and August. Births usually occur in dense forest cover to hide the newborn fawn. The fawn is able to walk around with its mother within a couple of hours of birth.

Amazing Information:

Occasionally Muntjac have been known to attack, kill and consume small to medium size ground birds like quail and pheasant.



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