

RED DEER



Red deer have large, branching antlers.
Every spring they fall off and a new set grows back.



Statistics



Size: Up to 200cm
Weight: Males 90-190kg
Females 63-120kg
The largest deer in the UK!



Herds

Male and female deer live in separate herds. They mix together in the autumn



Nocturnal?

Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. They feed more at night if humans are about.



Diet

Deer eat grass, heather, leaves, berries, nuts, tree bark and plant shoots.



Life

Red deer may live up to **20** years!
Females give birth to one calf in May- July.



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Males fight each other in the autumn to win control of the females. They lock antlers and push. They bellow and roar.



Habitat

Woods, forests, moorland, hills, grassland, parks

Rest

Deer sleep on the ground, hidden in thick bushes or bracken. Sometimes they rest in the shade of a tree.

