



DESCRIPTION

The red deer is the largest of all deer species found in Britain. It has a red/brown coat in summer and grey/brown coat in winter.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Woodland, mountain moorland, grassland.

RANGE

Found across Scotland and large pockets of England. Smaller pockets found in Wales.

FIELD SIGNS:

Footprints

Red deer have the largest footprints of all deer species (width 7cm, length 9cm).

However, footprints can be confused with other deer species as well as goat and sheep prints. Red deer can also leave hairs on fences.

Field signs alone are difficult to ascertain exactly which species are present. Direct sightings are not uncommon and are the most reliable deer records.

Droppings

Deer droppings do not have obvious coloration or smell. The droppings tend to be a similar shape across all species, although red deer droppings are the largest of all species.

Tail

The best way to determine which deer species you have seen is by looking at the rump and tail. The red deer has a buff rump, with a ginger buff tail.

