



DESCRIPTION

Chinese Water Deer is a non-native species that has established a population in the UK. It is a small deer species with a sandy brown fur in summer and a slightly paler coat in winter.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Freshwater marshland, woodland and reedbeds.

RANGE

Present in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. A few other sightings across mainland UK.

FIELD SIGNS

Tracks

Chinese Water Deer have small footprints, out of British deer, only muntjac have smaller prints. Width 3-4cm, length 4-5cm. Be very careful not to confuse these with sheep or goat footprints.

Droppings

Deer droppings do not have obvious coloration or smell. The droppings tend to be of a similar shape across all species.

Tail

The Chinese water deer has a dark rump, but only a very small stumpy tail.

