



## DESCRIPTION

The roe deer is one of smaller species of deer in the UK. They have a chestnut brown coat in the summer and grey/brown coat in the winter.

## TYPICAL HABITATS

Woodland, mountain moorland, farmland, grassland.

## RANGE

Widespread in Scotland and much of England. Recently recolonised in parts of Wales.

## FIELD SIGNS

### Footprints

Roe deer footprints are very similar to those of fallow deer. Width 3cm, length 4.5cm. However, be very careful not confuse these with sheep or goat footprints.

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 of a similar shape across all species.

As seen in this photo, they can easily be confused with sheep droppings.

### Tail

The best way to determine which deer species you have seen is by looking at the rump and tail. The roe deer has a cream white rump (an upside down heart for females and an oval shape for males) and has no visible tail.

