



DESCRIPTION

The sika deer has very variable coats and therefore can be tricky to identify. Its coat can range from red/brown to grey/brown, and with spots (as pictured) or without.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Woodland.

RANGE

Found in pockets across Scotland, northern and southern England and Ireland.

FIELD SIGNS

Footprints

Sika footprints are very similar to those of other deer species, particularly fallow deer. Width 5cm, length 8cm. 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. Sika droppings tend to be very similar to fallow droppings. They can also 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. Sika deer have heart shaped white markings with black upper border on the rump with a white tail.

