Muntjac deer (*Muntiacus reevesi*)

**Synonyms:**
- Chinese muntjac, barking deer, Reeves’ muntjac, Carw Mwntjac (Welsh)
- Cervus reevesi

**Consignments likely to come from:** unknown

**Use:** may be hunted for sport

**Identification difficulty:** easy

**Identification information:**
- small deer, 47-50cm at the shoulder, dog-like appearance
- reddish grey / brown coat with buff underparts and white on the inside of thigh and chin
- distinctive facial markings
- antlers curve backwards and in older animals terminate in a hooked point
- single sharp barks repeated at short intervals

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**Key ID Features**

- Hunched back
- 47 - 50 cm at shoulder
- Tail-flagging in response to alarm
- Hooked point of antler
- Tuks short
- Winter coat
- Coat can be greyer-brown in colour, forelegs almost black
- Summer coat
- Coat red-brown in colour
- Striped facial markings forming V shape
Similar species

Muntjac deer could be confused with roe deer and Chinese water deer, but are smaller in size and have distinctive facial markings.

**Roe Deer**
Native
*(Capreolus capreolus)*
- Flat back
- White rump
- 60 - 75 cm at shoulder

**Chinese Water Deer**
Non-native
*(Hydropotes inermis)*
- No antlers
- No dark facial markings
- Black, beady eyes
- Hind quarters higher than shoulders
- 50 - 60 cm at shoulder

**Muntjac Deer**
*(Muntiacus reevesi)*
- Dark rump, white underside to tail

Approximately to scale

Photos and diagrams from: NNSS, Natural England, Catherine Chatters