



# FALLOW DEER

*Dama dama*



Fallow deer communicate through body language, smells, and vocalizations. Fallow deer have six types of vocalizations: barking, which is an explosive alarm call used by females; bleating, which is produced by females during parturition or when they are with their young; mewing, given by any deer during submission postures; peeping, produced by fawns in distress; wailing, an intense distress sound by a fawn older than 2 days; and groaning, produced by rutting males. The most common visual communication among fallow deer when they are disturbed is alerting, where they stand upright and rigid.



## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

Fallow deer stand approximately 3 feet high at the shoulder and are about 5 feet in length.

### WEIGHT

Fallow deer weigh between 75 and 170 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

Fallow deer forage on a variety of vegetation, including grasses, mast, and browse.

### HABITAT

Fallow deer prefer old, deciduous, broad-leaf forests interspersed with grassy areas, but they are also found in other types of habitats where they have been introduced.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The natural range of the fallow deer is in southern Europe and in Asia Minor. They have been introduced to a large number of countries around the world.

### FUN FACT

Fallow deer have the most variable pelage coloration of any species of deer, ranging from white to brown to almost black.