



# INDIAN MUNTJAC

*Muntiacus muntjak*

## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

The Indian muntjac stands about 16 inches tall and reaches lengths of up to 3 feet.

### WEIGHT

The Indian muntjac averages between 25 and 35 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

The Indian muntjac eats a variety of fruit, leaves, grasses, and other vegetation. They will also eat carrion.

### HABITAT

The Indian muntjac can be found in a variety of deciduous forests.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The Indian muntjac is found throughout India, Nepal, Malaysia, southern China, and Taiwan.

### FUN FACT

The Indian muntjac is nicknamed the “barking deer” because when it is alarmed, it makes a loud, sharp barking sound.



The Indian muntjac is a small deer found throughout India, Nepal, Malaysia, southeast China, and Taiwan. Males of this species are easily recognized by their small antlers and their tusk-like canine teeth. These canines do not typically grow larger than an inch in length and serve as a more effective means of protection than their antlers. They are crepuscular animals, which means that they are most active at dawn and dusk. They are typically found alone or in a small group. They are very vocal animals, making sounds that are reminiscent of barks. These animals are a favorite food source for large Asian predators like leopards, tigers, pythons, and crocodiles.

