



# ROE DEER

*Capreolus capreolus*



The roe deer is found throughout Europe and in some regions of Asia. It is likely that the roe deer really consists of two separate species: the European roe deer and the Siberian roe deer. At one time this species was considered a pest, but today it is an important game species in Europe. Male roe deer have three-tined antlers that are shed annually. The roe deer is primarily a nocturnal animal. When alarmed, it will bark a sound much like a dog and flash its white rump patch. Males may also bark when attracting mates during the breeding season, often luring multiple does into their territory.



## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

The roe deer reaches about four feet in length and two feet in height.

### WEIGHT

The roe deer averages between 50 and 65 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

The roe deer eats a variety of vegetation, including grass, leaves, and berries. In the winter, they will even eat conifer needles if they can not find other food sources.

### HABITAT

The roe deer is found in a variety of habitats, but seems to prefer small forests and meadows near farm fields.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

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### FUN FACT

The roe deer feeds between five and 11 times a day because it has a small stomach and a fast metabolism.