



RUSA DEER

Cervus timorensis



This short-legged, stubby-looking deer is native to islands in Indonesia. The rusa deer displays a coarse grayish-brown coat and broad ears. Rusa deer are primarily nocturnal, but they will graze and browse during the day. Unlike other species of deer, rusa deer flee from predators with their tails in a limp position rather than upright. Males have prominent, thick, three-tiered antlers that can grow up to 3.5 feet tall. The antlers are collected after they are shed and are used primarily for medicinal purposes. Predators of the rusa deer include pythons, crocodiles, and Komodo Dragons.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The rusa deer stands about 3 feet tall at the shoulder and is 5 to 6 feet in length.

WEIGHT

Rusa deer will weigh between 150 and 250 pounds

FOOD HABITS

Like many other deer, the rusa deer eats grasses and leaves.

HABITAT

Rusa deer are found in forests and grasslands.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The rusa deer is found on the southeastern islands of Indonesia.

FUN FACT

The male rusa deer decorates its antlers with grass and twigs during courtship to intimidate other males.