



SAMBAR DEER

Cervus unicolor



The sambar deer is one of the larger members of the deer family. It is found throughout much of southeastern Asia, and it has recently been introduced into other areas such as Australia and the United States. Although they don't have a confined breeding season, males get quite defensive when they are ready to mate and will mate with multiple females in the area. These animals are typically nocturnal and solitary; however, during certain times of the year it is common to see a group of six or seven animals. The sambar is a very good swimmer.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The sambar deer averages between 6 and 8 feet in length.

WEIGHT

An adult sambar deer ranges between 240 and 570 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The sambar deer eats a variety of vegetative matter including leaves, grasses, fruits, buds, twigs, and tree bark.

HABITAT

The sambar deer is found in a variety of habitats including swamps, forests, open scrublands, and farm fields.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Sambar deer are found throughout India, southern China, Taiwan, Malaysia, and the Philippines. They have also been introduced into Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

FUN FACT

Unlike most animals, the sambar deer does not have a well-defined breeding season.