
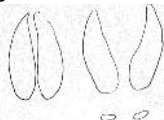
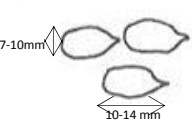
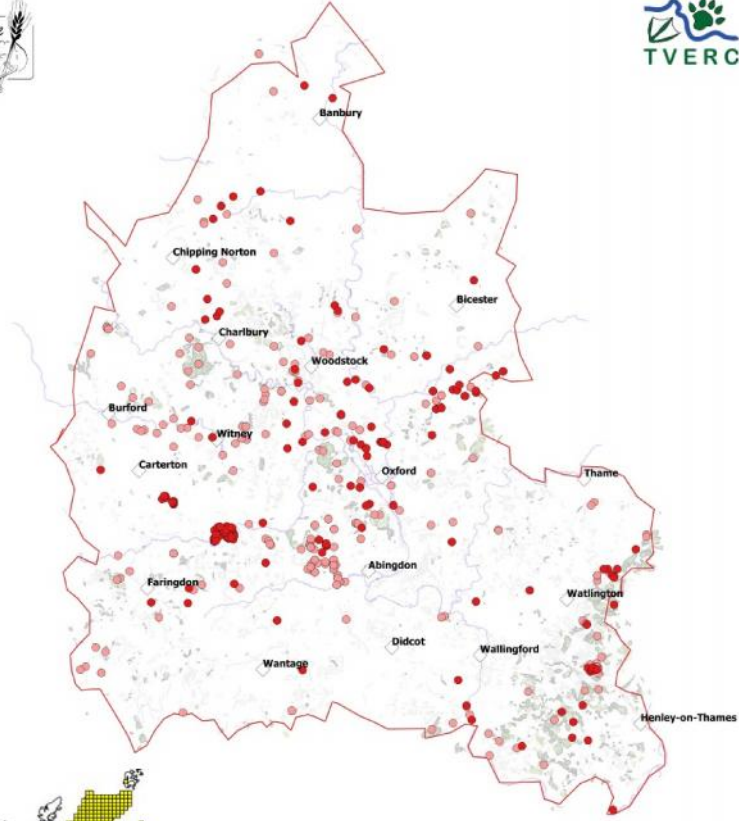



<b>Roe Deer</b>	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	 <p>Peter Newbold</p>		
<b>Description:</b> In summer the coat is reddish brown, turning to a greyish or pale brown in winter. The rump is cream or white with no visible tail. They have a distinctive black nose and white chin. Male has short ridged antlers less than 30cm long with three points. Shoulder height 60-75cm. Weight: 10-25kg		<b>Field Signs</b>		
<b>Footprints:</b> Appear like an inverted heart shape. Dew claws common on soft ground. 30 x 45mm.	<b>Droppings:</b> Shiny black when fresh, cylindrical pellets. Pointed at one end, the other rounded.	<b>Browsing:</b> Deer leave a ragged end on browsed vegetation unlike hare and rabbit which have a clean cut.		<b>Rump colour:</b> Cream-white rump which can be flared when alarmed. No visible tail. (In winter female has a tuft of hair between back legs.)
				
<b>Diet:</b> Browses on herbs, bramble, heather, bilberry, tree shoots and ivy.		<b>Habitat:</b> Prefers woodland with dense undergrowth and scrub. Will also be found in fields, heathland and uplands occasionally.		
<b>Lifespan:</b> Up to 10 years.		  <p><b>KNOWN RECORDS</b></p> <p><b>Oxfordshire:</b></p> <p>1995-2005 Present = pink</p> <p>2005-2015 Present = red</p> <p><b>Great Britain and Northern Ireland:</b></p> <p>1995-2015 Present = yellow</p>		
<b>Breeding:</b> Rut occurs in mid-July to mid-August when males defend a territory with one or more does. The birth is then postponed through delayed implantation of the egg so that the young (1-3) are born in May to June.				
<b>UK Conservation Status:</b> Common and widespread <b>Oxfordshire:</b> Common and widespread. <b>Legislation:</b> Not currently protected.				
<b>Don't confuse with:</b>  <b>Sika deer:</b> Larger with white spots and a white rump with a black upper border and black tail stripe. Male Sika have larger antlers with generally more than 4 points.  <b>Muntjac deer:</b> Smaller stocky deer with distinctive black markings on forehead. The males have short antlers about 10cm long without branches.  <b>Chinese water deer:</b> Rump the same colour as rest of coat, no antlers, with protruding upper canine teeth (tusks).				