
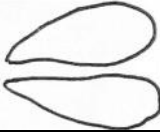
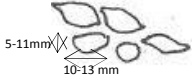
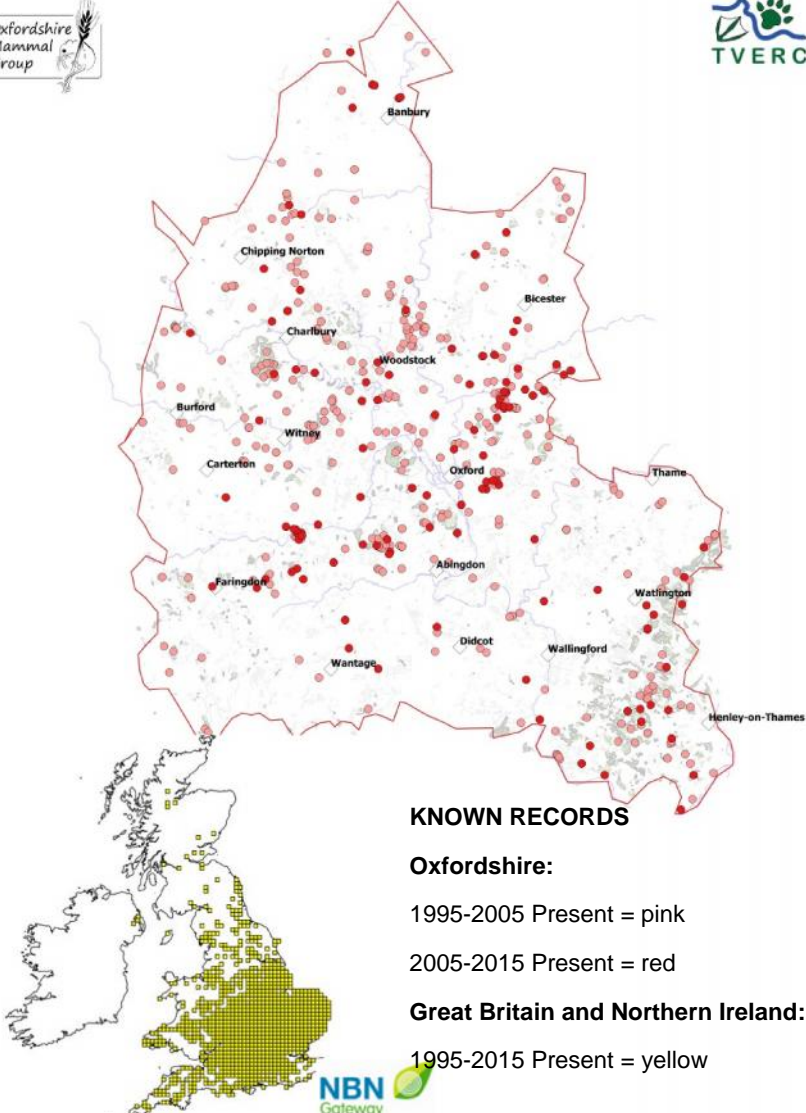




<p><b>Reeve's Muntjac</b> <i>Muntiacus reevesi</i></p>			
<p><b>Description:</b> The smallest British deer, native to China. Males have short, straight antlers, a dark V-shaped ridge on the forehead and fang-like upper teeth; females lack antlers and fangs and have a dark triangular patch on the forehead. Muntjac have a rounded back and glossy reddish-brown summer coat. When disturbed, they will flee with their tails in the air, showing the bright-white underside. Can bark loudly.</p> <p>Shoulder height: 38-45cm. Weight: 13-20kg.</p>			
<p><b>Field Signs</b></p>			
<p><b>Footprints:</b> Usually asymmetrical; outer toe typically longer than inner toe. Small: 20x30mm.</p> 	<p><b>Droppings:</b> Black, rounded or cylindrical. Sometimes pointed at one or both ends. Scattered more than any other deer.</p> 	<p><b>Browsing:</b> Deer leave a ragged end on browsed vegetation unlike hare and rabbit which leave a clean cut.</p>	<p><b>Bark stripping:</b> Red, Sika, Muntjac and Fallow deer will peel and eat bark of trees, leaving broad teeth marks running up the stem with torn bark at the top. Cannot tell species apart.</p>
		<p><b>Rump colour:</b> Dark. When alarmed, tail held vertically to show white underside.</p>	
<p><b>Diet:</b> Varied; browses on grass, herbs, bramble, tree shoots and ivy.</p>		<p><b>Habitat:</b> Varied; at home in close proximity to humans, wherever there is dense undergrowth, scrub and woodland for shelter.</p>	
<p><b>Lifespan:</b> 15 years or longer has been known.</p>			
<p><b>Breeding:</b> No fixed breeding season; females capable of giving birth every 7 months, allowing the species to spread rapidly from introduction site in Bedfordshire around 1900.</p>		 	
<p><b>UK Conservation Status:</b> Introduced. Common and widespread.</p> <p><b>Oxfordshire:</b> Common and widespread.</p> <p><b>Legislation:</b> Invasive non-native (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 9i).</p>			
<p><b>Don't confuse with:</b></p> <p>Chinese water deer: Protruding upper canine teeth (tusks) but no antlers; uncommon and shy.</p> <p>Roe deer: Taller, with distinctive black and white nose and white or buff rump; males have longer antlers with tines.</p>		<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> 