

FALLOW DEER

(DAMA DAMA)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN*



WE ARE MAMMALS
with a lifespan of 8-10 years for males and 12-16 years for females



*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2018. Downloaded 01.02.19

Origin: South West Asia. Introduced to the Mediterranean 9000 years ago and brought over to England by the Normans.
Diet: They graze on grass, leaves, acorns, sweet chestnuts, young shoots, heather, cereals, bark, herbs and berries. They are herbivores.
Predators: Humans, foxes, wolves, cougars, bears, lynxes, tigers and lions.
Habitat: Woodland with large clearings and grasslands.



Height Males
84-94cm

Height Females
73-91cm



Weight Males
46-94kg

Weight Females
35-56kg



Top Speed
30mph

DID YOU KNOW?

A male's antlers can grow up to 70cm long by the time they are 3-4 years old.
A baby deer is called a 'fawn', a male is a 'buck' and a female a 'doe'.
During the breeding season known as the 'rut', the males will make a loud burping sound to attract the females or to fight with another male and proclaim their territory.

ADAPTATIONS

They have large, flat molars to grind the grass. Their eyes are set to the side of their head to watch out for predators whilst grazing. Their spotted fur allows them to camouflage in the woodland.

REPRODUCTION

After breeding in the autumn and a gestation period of around 8 months, the doe will give birth to one fawn, usually in June or July.

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