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Animal Fact Sheet

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Siberian Musk Deer

Moschus moschiferus

The Siberian musk deer (Moschus moschiferus) is not a true deer at all. It belongs to the family Moschidae, an ancient lineage without antlers and without facial glands, and the males instead grow a …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Moschidae
Habitat: Mountainous forests and taiga
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-14 years
Weight: 7-17 kg
Scientific name: Moschus moschiferus

Did you know?

- The musk gland secretion from male Siberian Musk Deer is so prized that it has led to extensive poaching, threatening the species' survival.
- The male's tusks are hinged in loose sockets and can swing slightly, so they fold back a little when the animal chews. Musk deer have no antlers and …

What I learned

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