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European Fallow Deer

Scientific Name: *Dama dama*

Habitat: Originally lived only in lands along the Mediterranean Sea. Today Fallow deer are found in Europe and Northern Asia.

Description: Many variations in colour ranging from white to reddish brown with or without spots. They grow to about 90cm tall at the shoulder and males can weigh up to 80kgs.

Status: Common

Interesting facts:

- Group structure: Fallow deer have strong herding instincts and can therefore be raised in a domestic livestock operation. Otherwise wild herds are found with a dominant male, females and their young. Other males form a bachelor herd.
- Diet: Fallow deer are both grazers and browsers.
- Sexual Maturity: 2 years.
- Gestation: 225 – 230 days.
- Number of young: One (twins occur occasionally).
- Antlers are palmated – broad flat antlers shaped somewhat like those of the moose.
- Lifespan: 13 – 15 years.