



## Guide to Hunting in Germany

### 08c – SIKA DEER (*Sikawild*)



Breeding season ( <i>Brunftzeit</i> ):	October-November
Gestation period:	30-34 weeks
Young are born:	June (one, sometimes two)
Teeth:	34
2 eyeteeth in upper jaw like red deer, but much smaller in size.	

Males:	<i>Hirsch, Sikahirsch</i>
Females:	<i>Tier</i>
Young female:	<i>Kalb</i>
Young male:	<i>Sikahirschkalb</i>
Herd:	<i>Rudel</i>



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Sika deer are found in small populations in Germany and Czech Republic. Their origin is Asia, Japan and Manchuria. They were imported into Germany in the late 1800's to early 1900's.

Sika deer have a light red-brown coat with white spots during summer and in winter a dark-brown coat without spots.

Mature sika deer grow to a size that is midway between fallow deer and red deer.

Only male sika deer have antlers. The maximum number of points on sika deer rack is ten, with most sika stags developing six or eight points.

Sika deer sometimes interbreed with red deer.



Sika *Rudel* in winter color



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Young *Sikahirsch* in summer color



Sika females in autumn, showing seasonal color shift underway



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