

# Siberian Musk Deer (Awakened)

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<I saw this creature when I was working in Eastern Europe. At first I thought it was harmless like its ancestors, but it came at us and drained the blood of one of our team before we could kill it. Scary dreck.> Binary Lies

## Description

The Siberian musk deer (Awakened) is a musk deer found in the mountain forests of Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia. It is most common in the taiga of southern Якутия (Siberia), but is also found in parts of Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, Manchuria and the Korean peninsula.

<В целом, российское правительство запрещает любую охоту на этих величественных существ. Наказывается смертью.> Российский заповедник дикой природы



<Translate please> Dumb Hermit

< TRANSLATION: In general, the Russian government prohibits any hunt for these majestic creatures. Punished with death. - Russian Wildlife Sanctuary> SK Translate

Their small shape allows them to hide from predators through tiny openings in the rocky terrain and also allow them to run exceptionally fast from their predators. Although bearing fangs, Siberian musk deer (mundane) are actually herbivores, with their main source of nutrients being lichens.

The awakened variant uses those fangs to drain blood from their prey, able to drain them dry in a matter of moments.

## History



As a species, the Siberian Musk Deer has been a fossil record extending over 25 million years to the late Oligocene. These creatures have been in decline, and even made extinct in some areas, due to the musk

gland fetching 25K Y on the Black Market. Government and corporate entities have tried to stem the flow of the musk glands, but they still fetch a high price on the market. <Looking for a line on these glands. Willing to pay 20K each. Contact me at...{Deleted Comlink Data}> Black Market Joe

### Post Awakened (2011)

The awakened variant didn't show up until after the comet passed in 2011. The variant seems to have changed from herbivores to omnivores that have a taste for blood. Their fangs are hollow and are used as straws to suck blood quickly from their victims. It is speculated that they drain the life force of their prey, and not just the blood, but there is no evidence of this in any zoological or para zoological studies. <No evidence? I saw a runner get drained. Looked like a husk of a man!> Scary Dreck



### Current Territory

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Variants of this species may have occurred and appeared around the world.

### Why the interest?

The musk of these creatures is desired by the wealthy and corporations alike. The musk from the awakened variant seems to have a deeper scent, one that touches the astral plane. Corporations want to know how this is possible, while the wealthy love the effects it gives to their cologne and the astral pull it gives people while talking to them in person. <This stuff is amazing. Works like tailored pheromones without having to go under the knife!> Hunter

<It's unethical Hunter, killing these creatures!> Willowbrook

<Who cares if it works!> Hunter

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All parties are interested in why the mundane and awakened variants continue to live together without turning on each other. Blending and possibly mating with each other, causing the creatures to always

There are other groups that are trying to breed the new species and keep them from going extinct. PETA, SPCA, World Wildlife Foundation, and WCS Russia have all put money and assets into getting these creatures for zoos and breeding programs to keep their small numbers from disappearing. [<Zip in with some drones with nets, catch a few, easy payday> Tachi](#)

[<The Russians are using counter drone technology to keep this from happening. Also matrix connections in this region are almost non existent. > Russian Ratchet](#)

### **Possible similar species**

There are no other known species, but some have speculated that they are spreading to get a larger hunting area, giving them more options for blood.

### Musk Deer-Mundane

B	A	R	S	W	L	I	C	E	Ess	M/R
1	4	4	2	1	2	3	4	2	6	6

**Initiative:** 1D6+7

**Limits:** Physical 3 Mental 3 Social 5

### Musk Deer-Awakened

B	A	R	S	W	L	I	C	E	Ess	M/R
2	5	5	2	3	3	3	4	4	6	6

**Initiative:** 1D6+8

**Limits:** Physical 4 Mental 4 Social 6

**Powers:** Dual Natured, Mimicry, Sapience, Fear

**Weakness:** Enhanced Sense (Sight, Smell, Listen), Essence Drain, Glamor, Regeneration

#### **Gamemasters Note:**

The numbers of these creatures is less than 10k total with 10% being awakened. The awakened creatures live with the mundane, blending in with their brethren making them harder to find. Asturally they stand out like a sore thumb.

A breeding pair is worth so much more than the parts. An awakened female is valued at 10x's the value of an awakened male and 20x's that of either mundane variant.