

Wild Animals Found in Oku-Nikko I

There are about 30 different species of mammal which inhabit Oku-Nikko, including two unique species nationally recognized for their biological importance, the Japanese serow (*Capricornis crispus*) and the Japanese dormouse (*Glirulus japonicus*). Other mammals which make their home here include the shika deer, also known as the Japanese deer (*Cervus nippon*), the Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), Japanese macaque monkey (*Macaca fuscata*), and the Japanese red fox (*Vulpes vulpes japonica*). Learning about the habits of these species greatly increases the chances of spotting their tracks, and of sighting one.