

## HUNT 09-113



The hunting opportunities in Australia are predominantly in the northeastern region (Queensland), the southeastern region (near Brisbane) and the Northern Territory (south of Darwin). There are many species of antlered game as well as kangaroo, water buffalo, wild hogs, feral sheep and goats. U.S. citizens require only a valid passport. Australia is BIG country, and you can expect long driving distances during the hunt, as well as from one location to another. The time of year to hunt is dependent upon the species hunted: Rusa deer (two species) - June to November; red deer, fallow deer and Axis (or Cittal) deer - March-July; feral animals - year round; water buffalo - June-August. Water buffalo hunts are becoming very popular and should be considered a 'stand alone hunt' unless you can spend more than 10 days. Wild boar may be taken where they occur for a nominal fee.

**Water Buffalo** - These are LARGE animals, weighing up to a ton, so appropriate tackle is required. Penetration problems are common; heavy bows, heavy arrows and cut-on-impact, two blade broadheads with 3:1 cutting ratio are recommended. You can expect at least two shooting opportunities per day (morning and evening). Buffalo are extremely

aggressive and frequently charge the hunter once they are hit. One cannot expect to bow hunt these animals without rifle backup, and should be aware that the use of the gun is at the discretion of the guide assessing the danger. All hunts begin in Darwin and long drives or charter flights are necessary to get into hunting country. Price - Package hunts usually start at \$8,900 1x1 hunt and \$6,500 for 2x1 (includes 1 buffalo).

**Banteng** - This large bovine can only be found in certain areas of the Northern Territory of Australia. This is a specialized hunt and all things mentioned about water buffalo also pertain to Banteng hunting. Price - All our outfitters hunt Banteng as a package hunt. A typical package is \$9,900 for a four-day 1x1 hunt (trophy fee included).

**Wild Scrub Bulls** - As the name implies, these very large, aggressive bulls are the feral descendants of the breeding stock of the early explorers. These bulls are usually hunted during water buffalo and banteng hunts. Price- Trophy fee of \$1,500 - this is an extra charge added to package hunts.

**Wild Boar** - Can be taken where they occur on the various hunts at a trophy fee of \$200

**Java Rusa Deer** - Like axis and Sambar deer, the Rusa has a 3x3 antler. 4-day hunt including 1 deer is \$6900. Trophy fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> deer is \$3,500.

**Sambar Deer** - A native of India, this deer is elusive and prefers densely timbered areas. One of the largest deer in Australia, the Sambar can weigh up to 600 lb. and stand 50" at the shoulder. This is the ultimate deer species in Australia, and the large stags are very impressive. They have 3x3 antlers, which are massive in the larger stags. Sambar are not as plentiful as the other antlered species. 7-day hunt including 1 deer is \$ 7,900. Trophy fee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> deer is \$2,000

**Axis Deer** - These deer offer great sport for the stalking bow hunter. They can be hunted from March 15 to August 31. The rut coincides with the late rut of the red deer with May and June being good months. 3-day hunt including 1 deer is \$ 5,200. Trophy fee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> deer is \$ 2000.