

Hunt 11-159 New Zealand

We have several outfitters with extensive bowhunting backgrounds that we book for in New Zealand. One located on the North Island and the other on the South Island. Both have significant experience with bow hunting clients and have accumulated vast experience in handling the extra effort needed for a successful bow hunt. Three species are at the top of most bow hunter's list: Red deer, Himalayan tahr and chamois. Other antlered species include: Fallow deer, Rusa deer and Axis deer. In addition there are feral sheep and goats and wild turkeys.

Red Deer -These deer are hunted best during the rut (March-May) when they are very vocal. Antlers of 8x8 are common and larger ones can frequently be seen. A bow hunter can expect high shooting opportunities with these outfitters. The North Island offers some great stalking as it has more cover than typical areas on the South Island. Price - \$3,500 trophy fee for stags up to an SCI score of 300 to 320; then 321-339 SCI = \$4,500; then 340-359 SCI = \$5,750 and up from there. The rates with Wildside Safaris on the North Island are quite favorable at \$450/day (1x1); \$300/day (2x1) and non-hunter daily rate \$150. Wildside also offers what may be the best bowhunting for Sika deer as well with a trophy fee of \$3,750.

Himalayan tahr - Normally, the hunt for tahr requires the use of helicopters to access their normal range, however, our outfitter has the exclusive rights to hunting areas with elevations less than 6000 feet and these areas can be hunted on day-hunts by foot. In the SCI record book (bow category) eight out of the top ten Himalayan tahr were taken from the famous Dry Creek Station located on the South Island. Price – Trophy fee is \$4,500 with daily rate of \$550 (1x1); \$375 (1x2) and non-hunter daily rate \$250.

Chamois - They are found exclusively on the South Island. These chamois have longer horns than their western European relatives. This hunt is not easy and you must be prepared to climb. Price - \$4,000 trophy fee with daily rate of \$550 (1x1); non-hunter daily rate \$250.

Wapiti Elk - Price – 300 – 319 SCI = \$3,500; 320-339 SCI = \$4,500; 340-359 SCI = \$7,500; management bulls \$2,500; with daily rate of \$550 (1x1), \$375 (2x1 or more); non-hunter daily rate \$250.

Fallow 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. Available as an add-on for trophy fees of \$3,350

Sambar Deer - One of the largest deer in New Zealand, the Sambar can weigh up to 600 lb. and stand 50" at the shoulder. They have 3x3 antlers, which are massive in the larger stags. Sambar are not as plentiful as the other antlered species, and this reality is reflected in the price. Price - \$7,500 trophy fee with daily rate of \$550 (1x1)

Rusa Deer - Like axis and Sambar deer, the Rusa have 3x3 antlers. Price - \$ 5,000 trophy fee and daily rate of \$550 (1x1).

Other species available while hunting are: wild boar (\$1,200), feral goat (\$750), and Arapawa ram (\$750).

