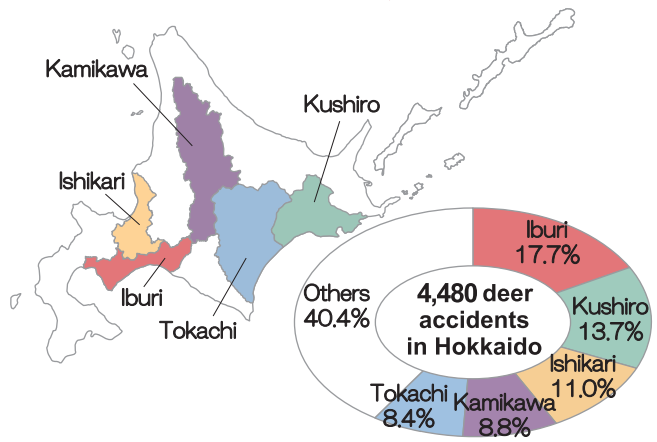
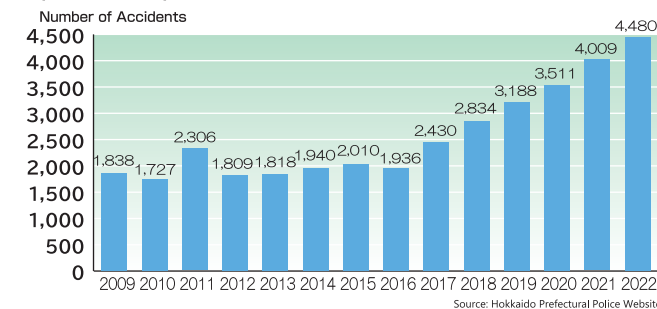


How to Avoid Accidents with Deer

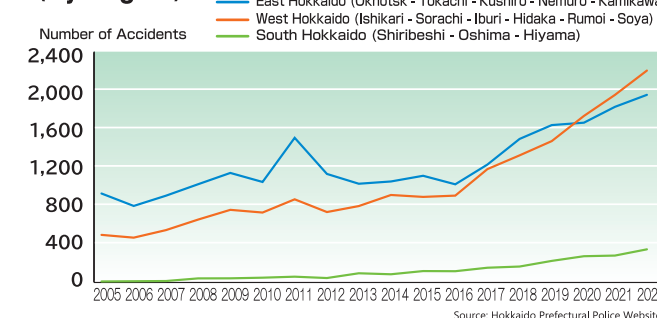
Deer-related road accidents are on the rise throughout in Hokkaido, up to 4,480 accidents in 2022. To avoid accidents, slow down first.



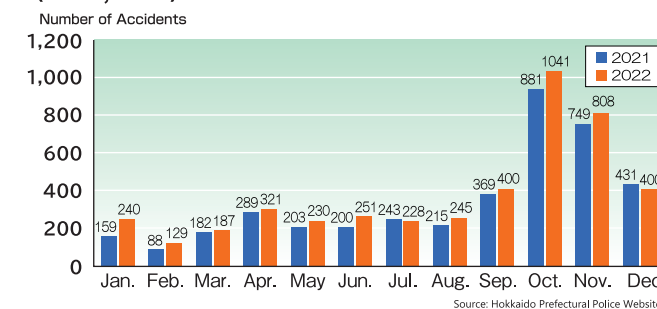
Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Year (Hokkaido)



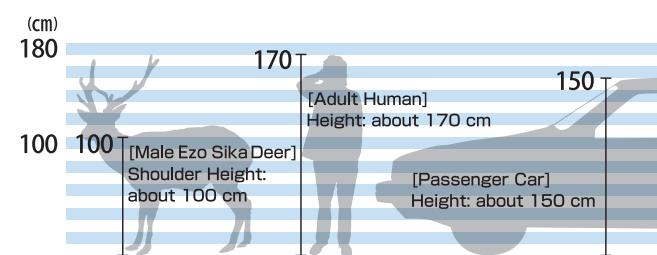
Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Year (By Region)



Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Month (2021, 2022)



An individual adult Ezo Sika deer is comparable in size to a human or a passenger car. A collision could injure the occupants of the car!!



Vehicle Repair Costs due to Ezo Sika Deer Accidents (Vehicle Insurance Payout Amount)

Average
0.558
Million Yen

Personal Experience of Encountering Ezo Sika Deer While Driving

While driving on National Route 44, I encounter two deer suddenly jumping out onto the road. I jammed on the brake, so I could avoid a crash. Because of driving by one another in the opposite direction, if I cut the steering wheel it would lead to a serious accident.
(Sapporo/30s/Male)

Drive Map - Distances and Times

While the distance may seem to be short on a map, it might actually be far away in real terms. Since speed limits may change according to climate-influenced conditions on some roads, it is important to plan your driving trip in vast Hokkaido free from time constraints.



For the latest national and prefectural road closure information... Visit the "Road Information Provision System" mobile site!

Smartphone, Mobile, and PC compatible

<https://www.road-info-prvs.mlit.go.jp/roadinfo>

X (Formerly known as Twitter)

https://twitter.com/hkd_mlit_road

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We can avoid deer accidents!

ezo sika deer accident map



When and where will they appear? Know the risks!



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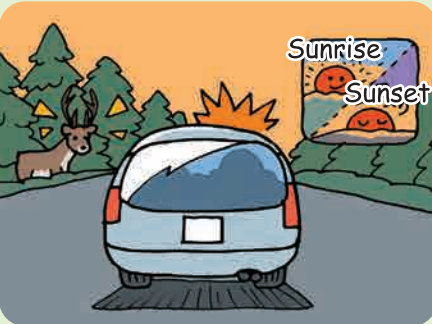
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Understand the Behavior of Ezo Sika Deer to Stay Safe

Six Rules to Avoid Deer Collisions

Reduce Speed in any of these Situations

1 Deer often jump out at early morning or evening!



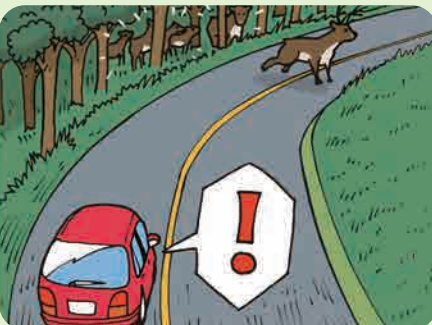
Deer are most active at sunrise and around sunset.

4 Deer are clumsy on paved roads!



The Ezo Sika deer is known to be swift and graceful, but its movement is clumsy on paved roads. Even when cars approach, deer sometimes do not run away.

2 Deer are seldom alone!



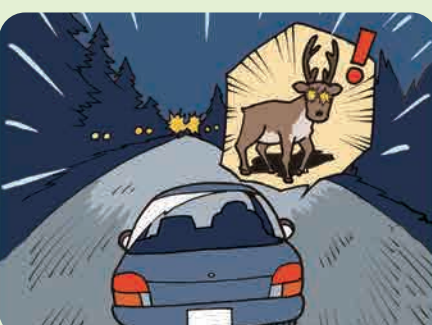
Ezo Sika deer behave in herds. After the first deer crosses a road, several more will often follow, sometimes suddenly jumping out.

5 Brake marks on mountain roads are signs of danger!



Black brake marks on the road may be a sign of deer activity. Take these as a warning, and lower your speed.

3 Shining spots at night mean danger!



The eyes of Ezo Sika deer appear to glow as they reflect the light from vehicle headlights.

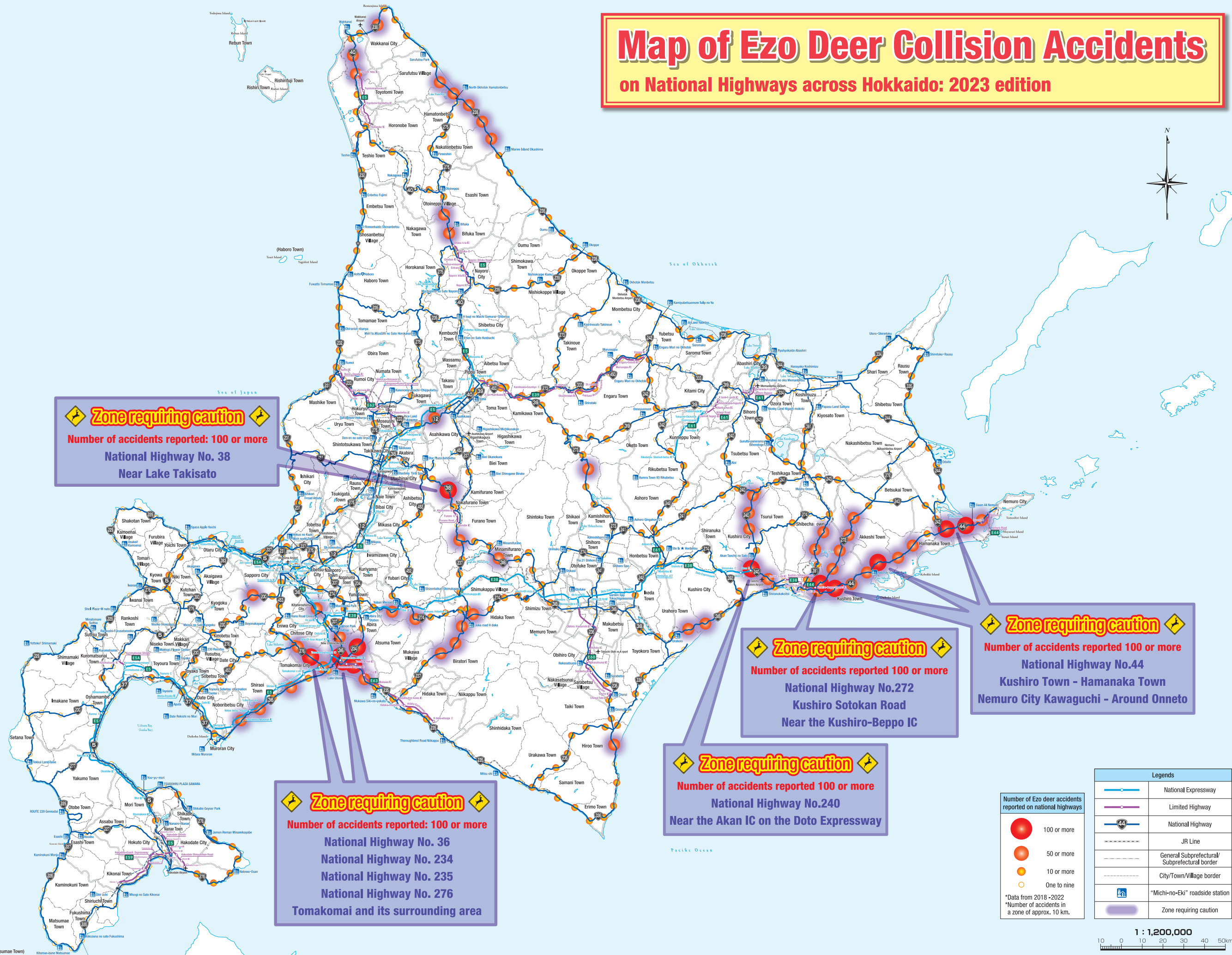
6 Keep an eye on roadside forests!



Ezo Sika deer consider roads that pass through forests as just another part of their territory. Whenever you are near forests, be aware that deer could jump out at any time.

Map of Ezo Deer Collision Accidents

on National Highways across Hokkaido: 2023 edition



Zone requiring caution
Number of accidents reported: 100 or more
National Highway No. 38
Near Lake Takisato

Zone requiring caution
Number of accidents reported 100 or more
National Highway No.272
Kushiro Sotokan Road
Near the Kushiro-Beppo IC

Zone requiring caution
Number of accidents reported 100 or more
National Highway No.44
Kushiro Town - Hamanaka Town
Nemuro City Kawaguchi - Around Onneto

Zone requiring caution
Number of accidents reported: 100 or more
National Highway No. 36
National Highway No. 234
National Highway No. 235
National Highway No. 276
Tomakomai and its surrounding area

Zone requiring caution
Number of accidents reported 100 or more
National Highway No.240
Near the Akan IC on the Doto Expressway

Number of Ezo deer accidents reported on national highways

- 100 or more
- 50 or more
- 10 or more
- One to nine

*Data from 2018 -2022
*Number of accidents in a zone of approx. 10 km.

Legends

- National Expressway
- Limited Highway
- National Highway
- JR Line
- General Subprefectural/ Subprefectural border
- City/Town/Village border
- "Michi-no-Eki" roadside station
- Zone requiring caution