

[Good and Bad: Exotics add hunting value, but can disrupt whitetail management](#)

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... Axis were first imported into Texas for their meat in the 1930s. Originally from India, Nepal and Sri Lanka ... Even though TPWD does not count exotics, it is believed there are some counties where axis numbers might equal white-tailed deer. “The axis population is almost as large as the whitetail population in Kimball County...

[Axis deer most abundant exotic ungulate in Texas](#) November 25, 2022 Brownwood News

... axis deer were introduced to Texas in the early 1930s and are native to South Asia ... They are considered the most abundant exotic ungulate in Texas with an estimated 15,000 free-living individuals...

[Meet the Axis Deer – The Invasive Species Now Roaming the U.S.](#) July 9, 2025 AOL

... the axis deer originated on the Indian subcontinent... For various reasons, humans have carried the axis deer to such faraway places as Australia, [North America](#), and even the Hawai’ian Islands... axis deer are [becoming threatened in their native range](#)... The first axis deer [arrived on the continent in Texas in 1932](#) ...While a large portion of the state’s population remains contained, more than 10,000 axis deer are found throughout Texas.,