

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Elk Hunters: Be Aware of Your Target!

Moose can be found in the same habitat as elk in Colorado. Make sure you know the difference between these two species, so you don't accidentally kill a moose. Use your binoculars, not scopes. Don't just look at the animal's antlers; study the entire head before you shoot.



Elk & Moose Comparison



Bull Elk

- Slender snout
- Pale yellow rump
- Chestnut-brown neck
- Reddish, lighter brown body
- Darker legs
- Antlers not palmated
- Obvious brow tines coming off main beam.

Cow Elk

- Slender snout
- Pale yellow rump
- Chestnut-brown neck
- Reddish, lighter brown body
- Darker legs

Confusing Calves

Be very careful you don't mistake a moose calf with an antlerless elk. Young moose have a reddish coat, similar to elk!

Bull Moose

- Dark, black-brown body
- Overhanging snout, bulbous nose
- Larger bell (beard) on throat
- Whitish-gray legs
- Palmated antlers with tines

Cow Moose

- Dark, black-brown body
- Overhanging snout, bulbous nose
- Bell (beard) on throat
- Whitish-gray legs

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