

When winter comes, the big bull elk leaves the herd. Soon he will **shed** his antlers. In spring, he will grow new ones.



Antlers are bones. They are soft while they grow. They are covered by a thin skin called **velvet**. Then the velvet falls off. The antlers are hard and bony.

Amazing antlers

It takes a male deer four or five months to grow a new pair of antlers. He carries the antlers for six or seven months. Then, one day, they fall off!

