Red vs. Wapiti yearlings in summer pelage Wapiti (Wapiti Score=4) Red (Wapiti Score=1)

Stature

Finer, shorter, more proportionate body and limbs

Tall, thicker, blockier, more rectangular body, deeper chest

Legs appear longer and less proportionate to body









Colour

Red and grey mostly

Red-flecked chevron (forehead), grey; face, muzzle, neck front and underside, redflecked body

Colour lightens from back to belly

Legs same colour as underside

Rusty red, brown and cream

Head red and brown, neck and/or throat mane brown; darker than body

Body quite uniform rust red, underside mostly cream

Legs same colour as body









Rump

Smaller, less apparent rump patch, any colour from red to fully white, often red top and white bottom

Tail different colour

Less apparent viewed from side on

Larger, creamy white rump patch

Tail same colour as rump Obvious viewed from side on









Head

Grey face, red to brown chevron (forehead)

Longer, skinnier ears

Rusty red-brown face and chevron (forehead), nose and muzzle dark brown

Shorter, wider ears





