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Two's company: elk back in Britain after 3,500 years' absence



A male and female elk stand side by side on a Scottish heather moorland from which the species disappeared about 3,500 years ago. Though not actually reintroduced into Britain, these individuals are part of an experiment to see what impact once-native species have on the landscape

within Alladale Estate in the Scottish Highlands. Wild boar were released into a 500-hectare enclosure in 2006, and the elk arrived at the end of 2007. Whether wolves and other predators will ever be released into a much larger enclosure (*BBC Wildlife*, April 2006) remains to be seen.

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