

## Steppes Deer Stones

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**ABSTRACT** The paper presents the data of all the known deer stones found in the territory of Kazakhstan beginning from the middle of the XIX century till date. The characters of the stones and their location are described in the paper. Attempts have been made to determine the origin of these steles through the peculiar features of images on deer stones. The paper focuses on the study of deer stones. They are the least studied monuments made of stone in the territory of Kazakhstan. The paper presents their general description and classification, which points out anthropomorphic monuments, and stones with various images (signs). Researches related to deer stones in Kazakhstan have a rather long history, but the accumulation of data continues, as each year new stelae with engraved images are discovered. Unfortunately, the majority of them are replaced. Thorough and detailed copying of the statues provides a significant informational source for objective reconstructions.