



Deer Species Information

Know Before You Shoot

Hunters should know the difference between mule deer and white-tailed deer.

Mule Deer Protection

Regulations are in place in several Nebraska deer management units to protect mule deer. This is an attempt to:

- increase the mule deer population and
- increase pressure on the more abundant and more prolific white-tailed deer to stabilize or decrease their population.

Successful species management could provide more mule deer in areas where they are in short supply and also could allow additional harvest of white-tailed deer in areas where mule deer are more abundant. If hunters do not make a correct identification, the regulations will not work.

Permits That Prohibit Hunting of Mule Deer

Most permits restrict the take of mule deer. Read permit information carefully, including bag limits and special rules that limit mule deer harvest in deer management units or in public areas.

Reporting Violations

To report a game law violation, call a conservation officer or call Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers toll-free at 800-742-7627. Callers may remain anonymous. Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers is a cooperative effort of Nebraska Wildlife Protector's Association and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

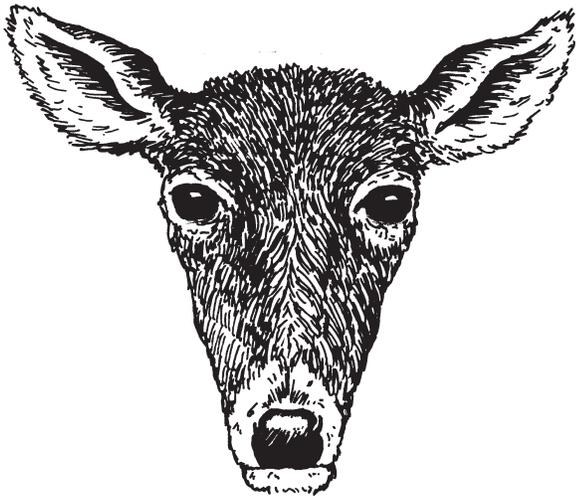
Illegally killing deer, whether intentionally or by accident, could be costly. Liquidated damages, depending on the sex, species and size of the deer, range from \$500 to \$10,000. Fines also are possible, as is the loss of hunting privileges. For more information, visit the Game and Parks website at: **OutdoorNebraska.org**.

Deer Characteristics

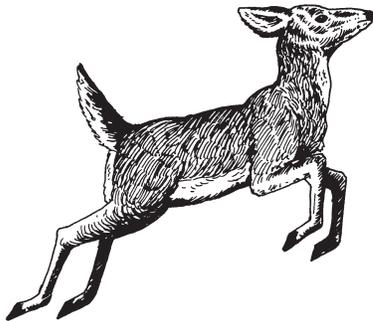
Characteristics of mule deer and whitetails may be viewed at **OutdoorNebraska.org**.

(See deer identification on reverse.)

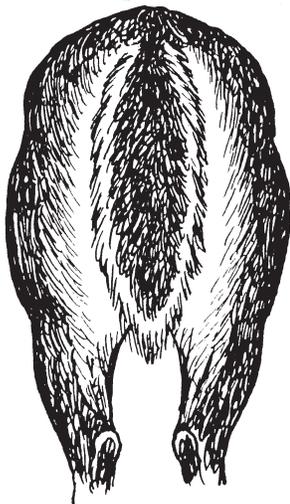
WHITE-TAILED DEER



Normal-sized ears

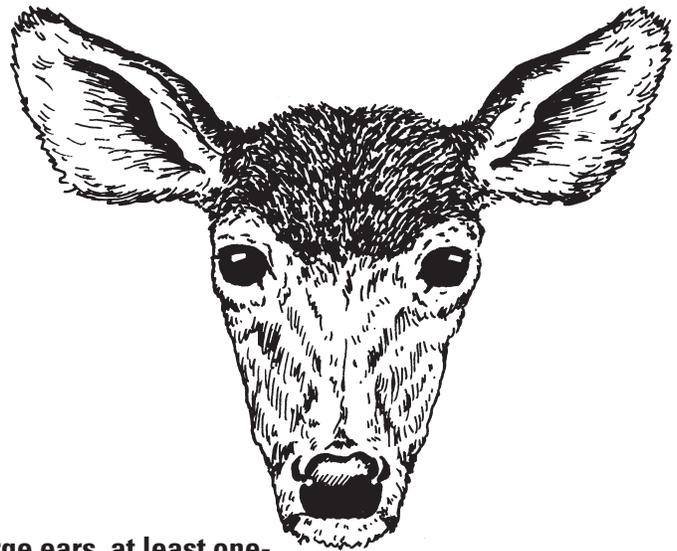


When alarmed, tail is erect, exposing white underside and white rump patch

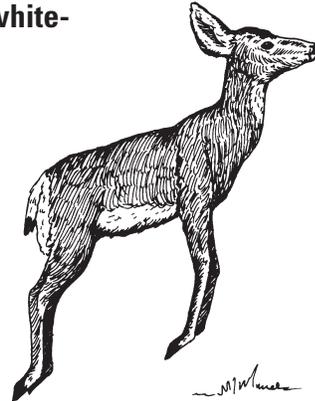


Upper surface of tail is the same color as body, under surface is white

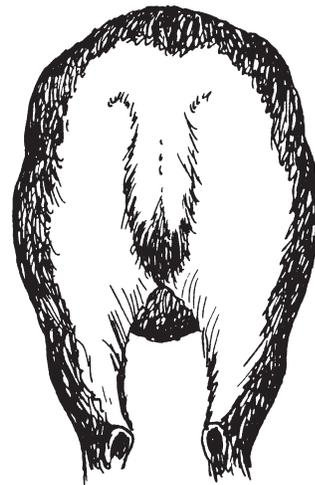
MULE DEER



Large ears, at least one-quarter larger than white-tailed deer



When alarmed, tail is down and runs with a stiff-legged bounce



Rope-like tail is white with black tip; obvious white rump patch at all times