



WHITE-TAILED DEER

Odocoileus virginianus



During the summer the white-tailed deer has a red-brown coat. However, during the winter the coat becomes gray-brown. Its entire belly and throat is white. This mammal prefers open forest habitats. The female white-tailed deer lives with extended family for most of the year, while the males tend to live alone. White-tailed deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Male deer go through a special ritual of rutting during the fall season. This is when they seek out mates and reproduce.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

White-tailed deer average four to seven feet in length and three to four feet in height.

WEIGHT

Adult white-tailed deer can weigh anywhere between 75 and 300 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

White-tailed deer eat a variety of foods, including grasses, nuts, acorns, and agricultural crops.

HABITAT

White-tailed deer are found in many habitats, including farmland, forests, and urban areas.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

White-tailed deer are found throughout most of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

FUN FACT

White-tailed deer have a higher population today than when Christopher Columbus first arrived in America.