

## WHITE TAILED DEER

Phylum: Chordata, Class: Mammalia, Order: Artiodactyla, Family: Cervidae  
*Odocoileus virginianus macroura*

**Status:** White-tailed deer populations are stable.

**Habitat:** forests, swamps, riparian woodlands

**Range:** North America

**Diet in the wild:** vegetation

**Size:** Height at shoulder - 2.75-3.5 ft.

### Other facts:

- White-tailed deer are the most abundant hoofed mammals in North America.
- They usually travel in small groups of three or fewer animals (a doe and two fawns).
- The males have antlers which are shed each winter, and grow anew each spring or summer. Females do not have antlers.
- The mating season for white-tailed deer occurs in October through January.
- Gestation period 195-212 days (6.5-7 months)
- Fawns are born in April through July.
- Fawns are born with spots to help camouflage them.
- Young usually weaned by 4 months of age.

