

Deer of Idaho

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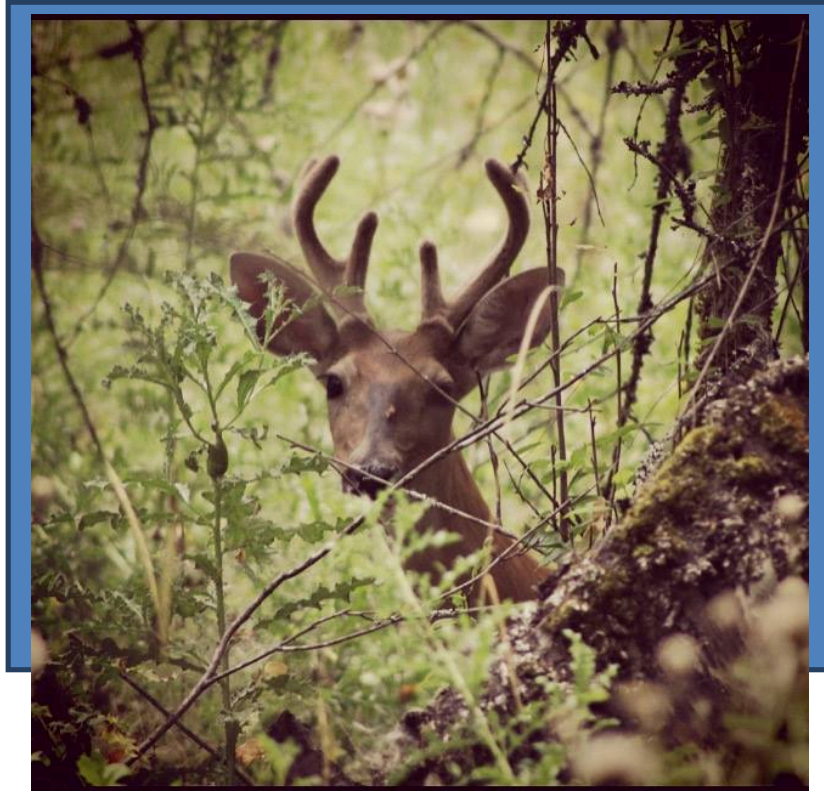


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Chapter 1: Species and Anatomy

There are two types of deer in Idaho: Mule deer and Whitetail deer.

Mule Deer



Whitetail deer have long tails with white hair on the underside, which they lift up when they sense danger.

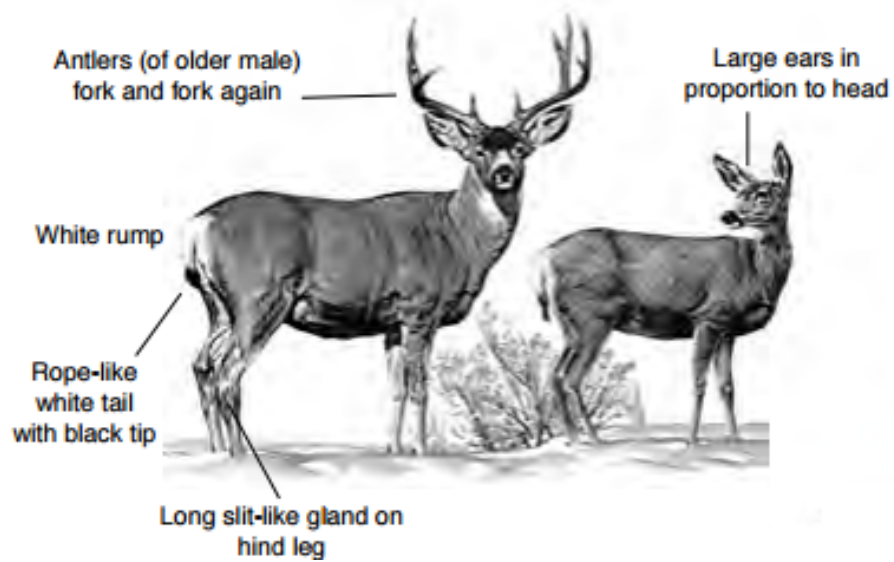
Whitetail Deer



Mule deer have skinny tails that are white on the outside and have a black tip. Mule deer are also known for their large ears.

Diagram of Mule Deer

Characteristics of a mule deer



A doe does not grow antlers, but a buck does.

Whitetail Doe



Mule deer bucks have antlers with forked beams.

Mule deer buck



Whitetail deer bucks have antlers that consist of one main beam with all the points coming off of it.

Whitetail buck



Chapter 2: Food and Habitat

Deer are herbivores. This means that deer do not eat meat, but instead eat plants and other vegetation.

Whitetail deer eating leaves



Due to the fact that deer are herbivores, they like to live in areas with lots of fields, shrubs and forests.

Deer feeding in a field



Chapter 3: Sheds

Toward the end of every winter, Mule deer and Whitetail deer shed their antlers.

Whitetail shed



These sheds can be valuable and are used for decoration and dog chew toys.

Ornamental antler



In the spring the deer's antlers start growing back again for the next year!

Buck growing antlers



Glossary

Buck: A term that refers to a male deer.

Doe: A term that refers to a female deer.

Herbivore: An animal that eats plants but does not eat meat.

Shed:

Noun: An antler that has fallen off/been dropped by a deer

Verb: To shed an antler is to have it fall off/detach.

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