

White-tailed Deer

Scientific name: *Odocoileus virginianus*



Facts:

Height	2.5' - 3.3' (at shoulder)
Length	5' - 6.5'
Weight	125 - 300 lbs.
Lifestyle	Social, Crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk)
Lifespan	Wild: 10 years, Captivity: 20+ years

Diet: *Herbivore*

Buds and twigs of maple, sassafras, poplar, aspen and birch. Conifers are eaten in the winter when other foods are scarce.

Behavior:

White-tailed deer are typically nervous, shy and quiet. They wave their white tails from side to side when startled. White-tailed deer are extremely agile and may bound at speeds of up to 30 mph.



Habitat:

Woodlands, swamps, farmlands, brushy areas, and deserts. Deer habitat requires a mixture of trees, shrubs, vines, forbs, grasses, fungi, and sedges.

Range:

White-tailed deer inhabit most of southern Canada and the United States and reach as far south as Bolivia.



Did you know?

White-tailed deer have a great sense of smell. They have sixty times more olfactory sensors than humans.