

# Black-Tailed Deer

Male



Female



- Black-Tailed Deer live primarily around forest edges with plenty of shelter and large meadows.
- Black tails are herbivores. They normally feed on scrubs and bushes. In the winter they are forced to feed on dead grass.
- Their lifespan varies from 9-10 years in the wild and 17-20 in captivity. Females can begin to have at around 16 months while males can at 16 ½ months.
- Mating season takes place during November and December. The gestational period lasts between 6 and 7 months. Does usually give birth to two fawns. They have been known to have three. Younger does primarily only give birth to one fawn.
- Hunting season October 13- 31<sup>st</sup> in Washington
- Males are bucks, females are does
- Fun fact- There is an argument on whether Black-Tailed Deer are their own species or if they are a subspecies of a Mule Deer

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