

HABITAT

- Prefers mountain forests and brushy deserts
- Less adaptable
- Restricted habitat due to European settlers
- Herds in the mountains migrate to winter in dense forests

DIET

- Herbivores
- Browse, Forbs, Shrubs, and some Grasses
- Migrate to lower elevations to find food in winter

LIFE CYCLE

- Breed late fall to February
- Bucks breed with as many does as possible
- Does carry their fawns for 210 days
- Give birth to one to two fawns
- Does can reproduce at 18 months
- Normally live from 8 to 10 years/ can live 16

HUNTING

- Manages deer populations
- Must obtain a license
- Hunted in the fall
- Latest season ends in January

FUN FACT

- Bucks' antlers fork into equal branches (White-tailed has one main beam)



Mule Deer

Male: Buck

Female: Doe

Young: fawns

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