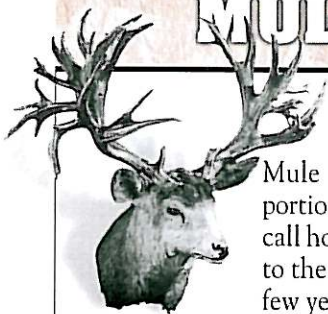


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MULE DEER
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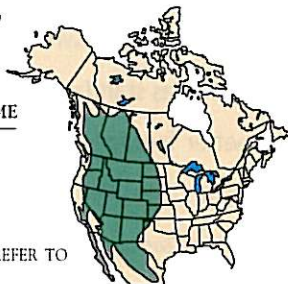
Odocoileus hemionus



Mule deer generally inhabit the western portion of North America. The habitat they call home ranges from the deserts of Mexico to the mountains of Canada. Over the past few years there has been a noted decline in mule deer populations. This June at the Wildlife Workshop held in conjunction with the 23rd Awards Banquet in Reno, Nevada, noted biologist, Valerius Geist, will host a discussion on this topic.

Mule deer are the biggest bodied deer with an average weight of 190 pounds. The highest scoring deer of all-time recorded with the Boone and Crockett Club is a non-typical mule deer scoring 355-2/8 points (inset). This buck was taken by Ed Broder near Chip Lake, Alberta, in 1926.

MULE DEER	AWARDS	ALL-TIME
Typical	180	190
Non-typical	215	230



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WHITETAIL DEER
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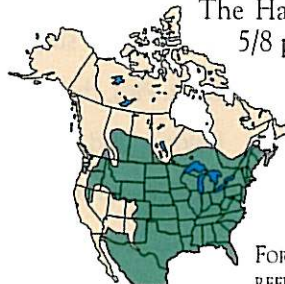
Odocoileus virginianus



The most popular deer to hunt in North America is the whitetail deer. With the ability to easily adapt to a constantly-changing habitat, the whitetail deer's range covers most of North America with the exception of the northwestern portion. During the 23rd Awards Period (1995-1997) the Club received 3,698 entries in 34 categories of North American big game. Of that total, 1,242 entries were for whitetail deer.

The whitetail deer is just slightly smaller than the big-bodied mule deer and weighs 175 pounds on the average. In 1993, Milo N. Hanson took the typical whitetail deer, (inset) near Biggar, Saskatchewan. The buck topped the World's Record Jordan buck which was taken in 1914.

The Hanson buck's official score is 213-5/8 points.



WHITETAIL	AWARDS	ALL-TIME
Typical	160	170
Non-typical	185	195

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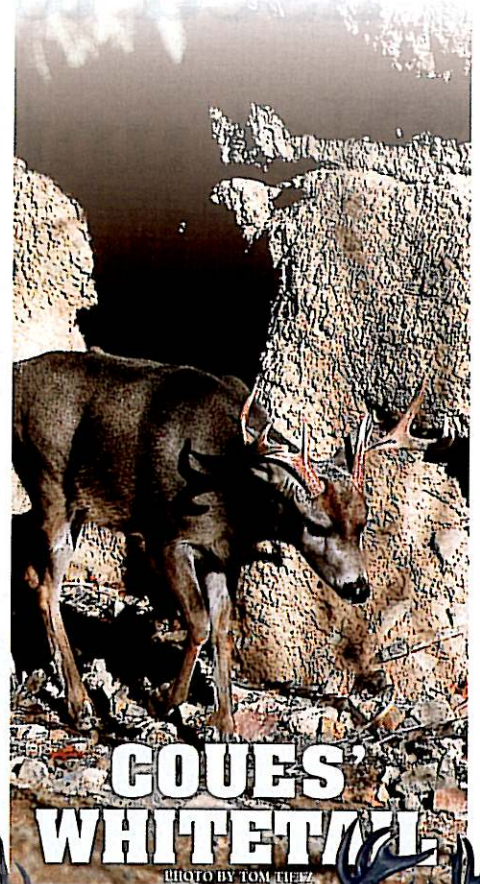
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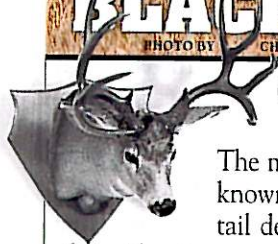
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BLACKTAIL**
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**SITKA
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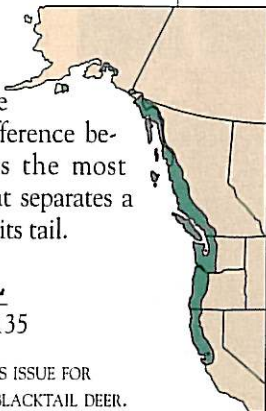


**COUES'
WHITETAIL**
PHOTO BY TOM LUEZA



O. h. columbianus

The mule deer subspecies known as, Columbia blacktail deer, are found along the midwestern coast of North America. Their body size is relatively the same as a mule deer, but their antler growth isn't by any comparison. The World's Record Columbia blacktail, pictured above (182-2/8 points) just meets the lower minimum for typical mule deer. This buck was taken in 1953 by Lester H. Miller in Lewis County, Washington. While the smaller antlers offer one difference between mule deer, perhaps the most noticeable characteristic that separates a blacktail from a mule deer is its tail.



COLUMBIA BLACKTAIL

AWARDS: 125 ALL-TIME: 135

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O. h. sitkensis

The Sitka blacktail deer range, is found to the north of Columbia blacktail deer range. Sitka blacktail deer taken in southeastern Alaska and the Queen Charlotte Islands are eligible for entry in the Club's Records Program. The average size of a Sitka blacktail deer is 100 pounds. This mule deer subspecies has the smallest antlers of all the five deer recognized by the Club. Scoring 128 points, the World's Record Sitka blacktail deer, pictured above, was taken on Kodiak Island in 1985. This trophy is listed with an unknown hunter and is owned by Craig Allen.

SITKA BLACKTAIL

AWARDS: 100 ALL-TIME: 108

SEE CRAIG BODDINGTON'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 40 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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With an average weight of less than 100 pounds, the Coues' whitetail subspecies is the smallest deer of all the deer recognized by the Boone and Crockett Club. The map below shows their general range, but in order to qualify for entry in the Club's records program the deer must come from one of seven counties in southwestern New Mexico, south and central Arizona or one of the Mexican states of Sonora and Chihuahua. The World's Record typical Coues' whitetail scoring 143 points was taken in Pima County Arizona by Ed Stockwell in 1953.



COUES' WHITETAIL

	AWARDS	ALL-TIME
Typical	100	110
Non-typical	105	120

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