



NOVEMBER ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

DESERT MULE DEER
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Desert Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)

- They have large “Mule” ears; this helps distinguish them from white-tailed deer.
- They are brownish-gray with a white rump and a small white tail with a black tip.
- They have adapted to desert life. During warm weather, they are diurnal, coming out at night and early morning, and will move to higher elevations in the summer.
- Herbivorous, feeding on the native vegetation, some of their favorite foods are mesquite (leaves and pods), jojoba, fairy dusters and catclaw acacia.
- They make temporary beds in flattened grass or leaves and sometimes use their hooves to scratch a depression in the earth to bed in.



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