

White-tailed deer are named for the white hair on the underside of the tail. When they sense danger, these deer raise and wave their tails to warn other deer. They can reach speeds of 35–40 miles (56–64 km) per hour and jump over nine-foot (3-m) fences. Whitetails have strong eyesight and hearing. They can swivel their ears in any direction without moving their heads.

When closely approached or fed, deer may become aggressive. This is dangerous for both people and deer and can cause the deer to be lethally removed from the population.



