



40. The white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), found in all forest types throughout the United States and lower Canada, is the one of the most abundant wild hoofed mammals in North America. It stands about three feet tall at the shoulder and has a grayish-brown coat in the winter and a tan or reddish-brown

coat in the summer. When alarmed, it raises its tail, showing the white underside. Male deer begin growing their antlers several months after birth and shed them each winter. The white-tailed deer browses on twigs, shrubs, fungi, acorns, grass, and herbs. It is most often seen in the early morning and or at dusk.