



**FARMINGTON  
HILLS**

*Michigan*

**Michigan White-Tail Deer**

# Biology

- Grow to be three feet tall from foot to shoulder
- Weight between 125-225 or more
- Can live to 10 years or older
- Can run up to 35 miles per hour short distances
- White tail is used to alert other deer of danger
- Coat is reddish brown in the summer and grey in the winter
- Shed their antlers each year
- Good sense of smell, hearing and eyesight but cannot recognize color

# Fawns

- Born around May-June
- Born with white spots for camouflage, these spots will fade when they are around three months old
- Fawns are born almost scentless so predators cannot smell them
- If you have any questions about what to do when you see a fawn please refer to Dealing with Deer – Fawns on [fhgov.com](http://fhgov.com)

# Habitat

- Wide variety of habitats
  - White-Tail Deer live in every county in Michigan
- Flourish in areas where branches and leaves are low to the ground and there is plenty of grass
- Habitat needs vary based on the season

# Behavior

- Spring/Summer
  - Eat early in the morning and then from dusk to midnight
  - Rest during the day and the remainder of the night after eating
  - Does (female deer) focus on fawns from May-June
- Fall
  - Breeding time
  - Eating lots of food to increase fat storage
  - Move great distances for food and breeding
- Winter
  - Spend most of their time in cover in forests

# Population

- Aerial Deer Survey
  - Each year since 2016, an aerial deer survey will be conducted in Farmington Hills to count deer
  - In our surveys in 2016-2017 we counted over 400 deer in Farmington Hills each year

# Management

- In April 2015 we began working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- We have completed a residential deer survey, do data collection, research, community education, develop regional partnerships, log residential concerns, and conduct annual aerial deer surveys
- For a more in depth look into our management plan please see our Deer Management Plan presentation

# For More Information On Deer

- For information on deer, please visit the Michigan DNR website: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

