

URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



BLACK-TAILED DEER

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look in urban forests, quiet neighborhoods, grassy clearings, and near gardens—especially at dawn and dusk.
- I have a reddish-brown coat in summer, gray-brown in winter, and a distinctive black-tipped tail.
- Watch for me grazing, flicking my tail, or pausing alert with ears forward and wide eyes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Black-tailed deer are a subspecies of mule deer, native to the Pacific Northwest.

Fawns are born in late spring and can stand and walk within hours. Mothers often leave them hidden in grass while they forage nearby.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Drive slowly in deer-crossing zones—especially during dawn/dusk and fawn season (May–July).
- Plant native species and avoid toxic ornamentals like azaleas or lilies in gardens where deer browse.
- Support local green corridors and park protections to allow safe movement through urban areas.

REFLECTION PROMPT

Where in your life are you being called to move gently—and how do you know when to pause?



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