



Human-Wildlife Interactions

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A little about myself....



Mule Deer

Odocoileus hemionus

- Browsers; shrubs, clover, grasses gardens
- Easily adapt to living around humans
- Does often have twins in the late spring
- Leading predators in NM: Cougars, Bears and Coyotes

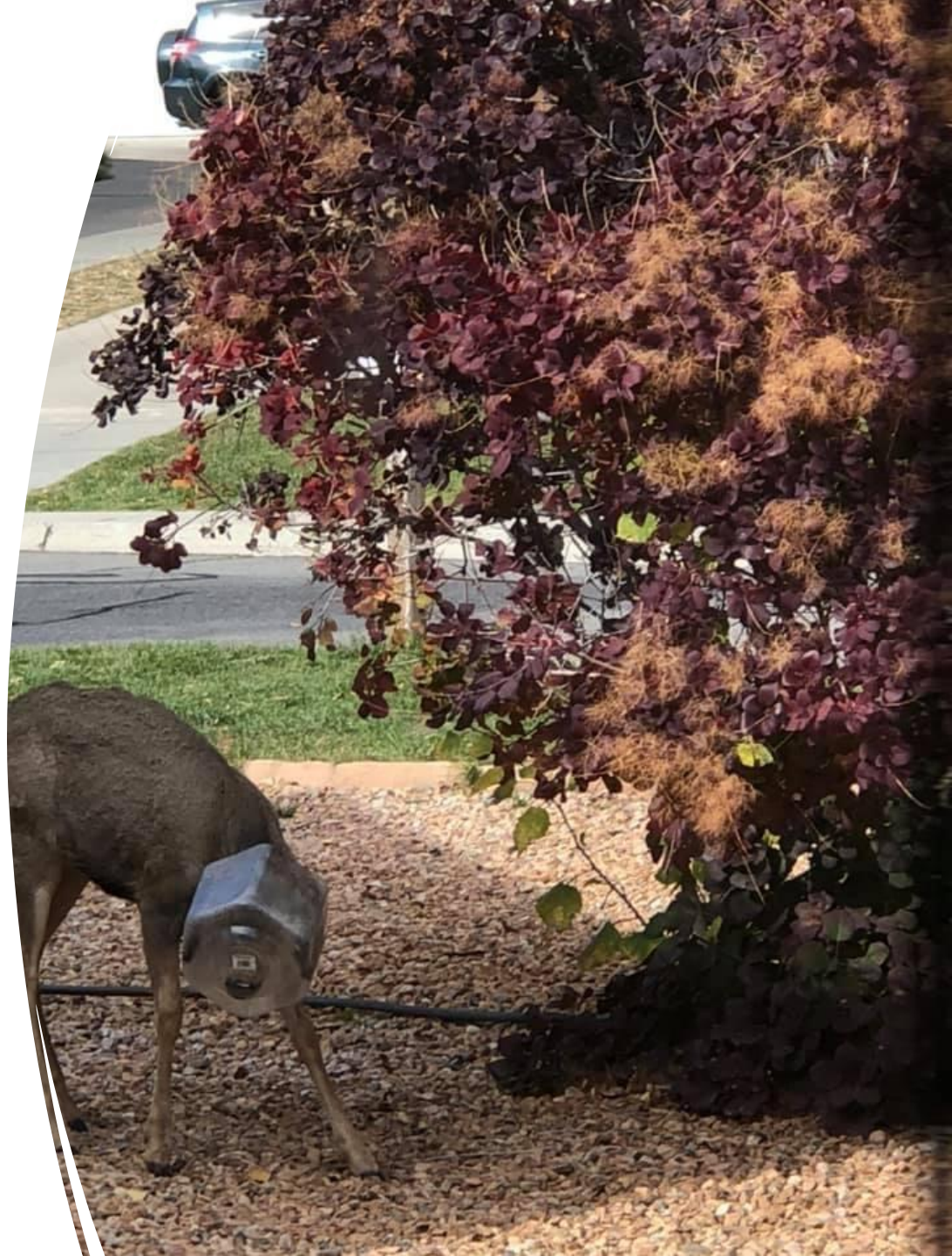


Things to do around home or Office

- DO NOT FEED THEM
 - Keep a clean maintained yard
 - Hang decorations high
 - Remove pet food and water
 - Utilize electric fencing or deer repellent

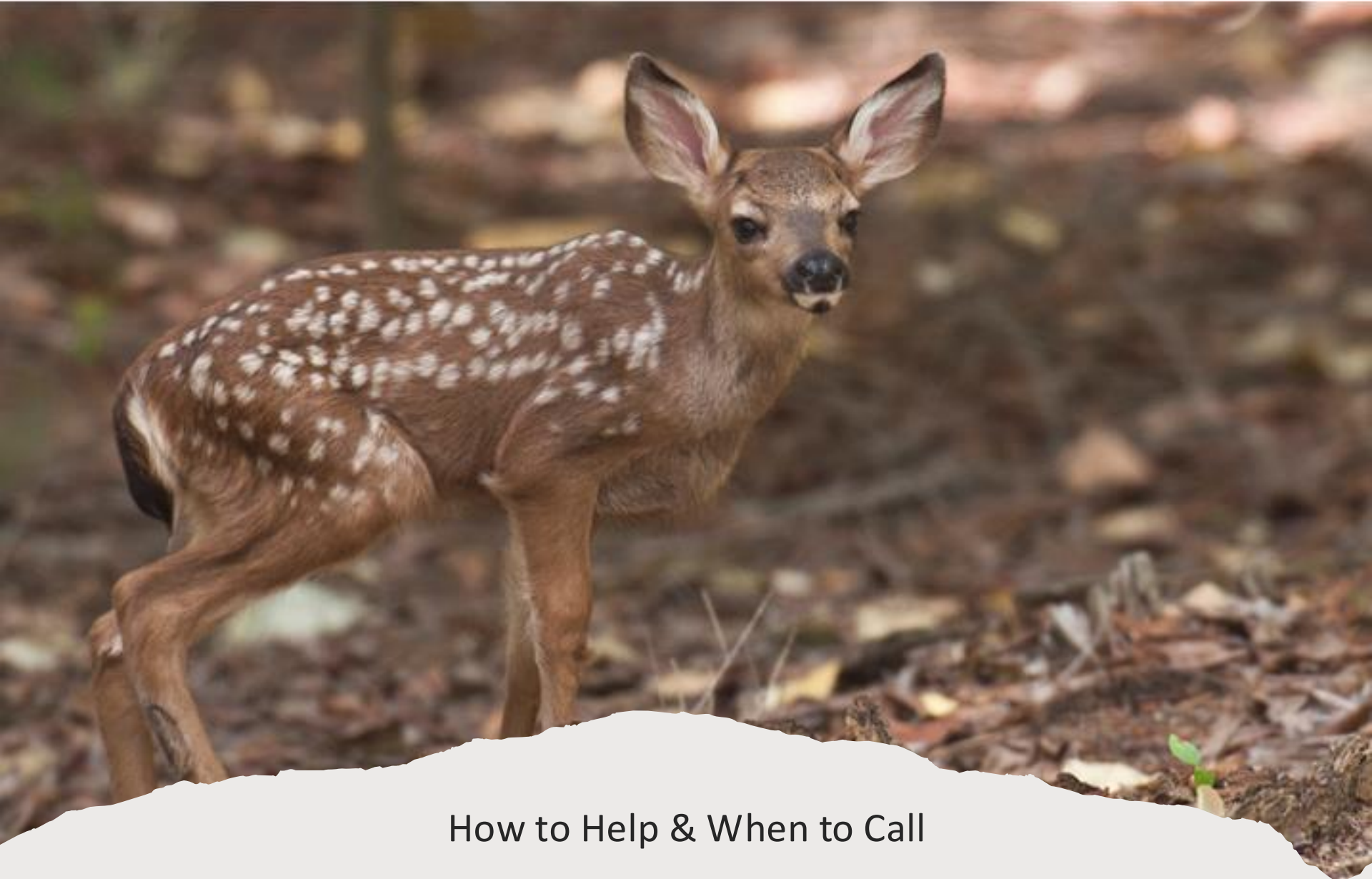


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Fawns & calves



You might encounter elk calves, deer fawns while in the field (not to mention other young wildlife). If found, leave them alone as the mother is generally not far away.

Black bears

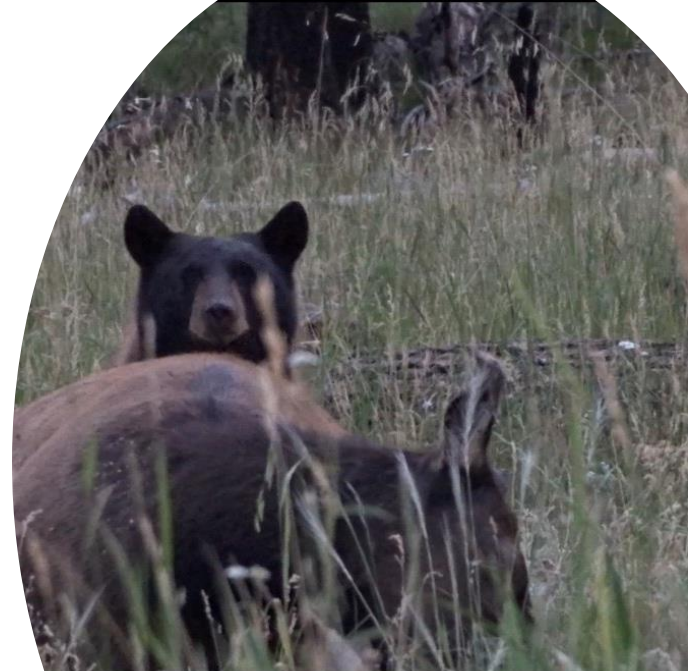
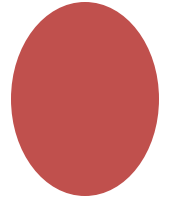
Ursus americanus



- Are omnivores
- Cubs typically stay with mom for about 1.5 years
- Bears are territorial
- Black bears are excellent tree climbers and can hit speeds of 35mph

Things to do around a home or office

- Keep a maintained yard
- Put up motion-activated yard lights
- Put up pet food and water
- Put up bird feeders
- Don't put trash out until the morning of pick-up. Keep it locked up
- Clean trash bins with water/ammonia spray
- Don't have freezers on patios and porches
- Clean your grills after each use
- If you have fruit trees clean up the ripening fruit
- Use electrical fencing around compost piles and bee boxes
- Protect livestock by keeping them in secure fencing with roofs



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Cougars or mountain lions

Puma concolor



- Classified as carnivores
- Mainly eat fresh meat from the prey they kill
- Kittens typically stay with mom for 1 ½ years
- Females usually have 2-3 kittens
- Mountain lions are territorial
- Adult mountain lions can weigh between 70-200 lbs. (can be heavier) & be 6-8 ft. in length

Things to do in cougar country

- If you see a cougar, don't run
- Back away slowly, and raise your hands above your head to appear larger
- Talk in a loud commanding voice
- You can use bear spray on cougars
- Around your home, keep a clean and maintained yard
- Don't let dogs out at night unsupervised
- Put up motion activated lights
- Keep any livestock protected in secure pens with a roof
- Don't keep water for wildlife

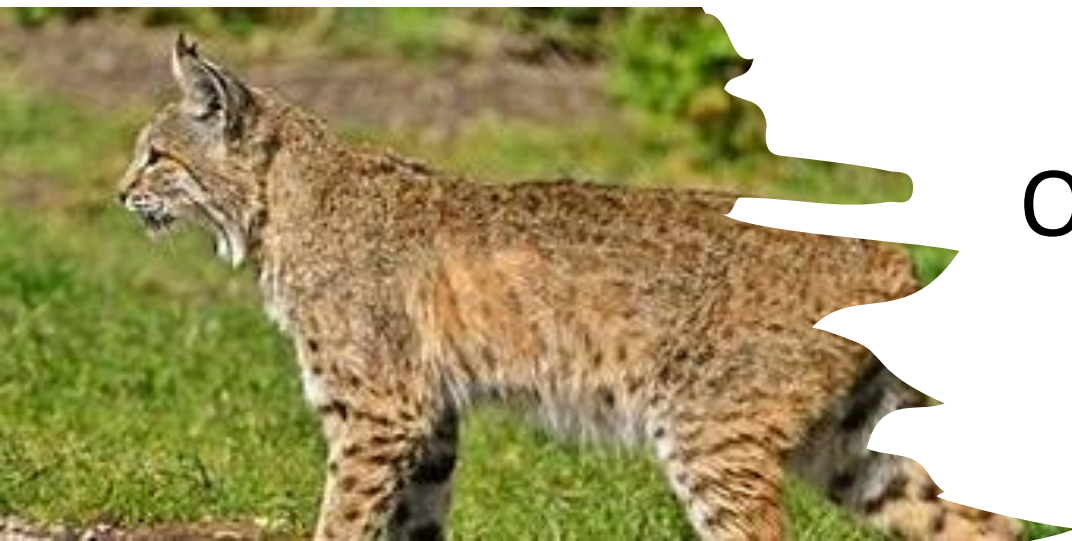


Cougar sign





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Other Critters

NMDGF contact numbers

- Operation Game Thief (OGT): 1-800-432-4263
- NMDGF call center: 1-888-248-6866 (M-F, 8 am-5 pm, excluding holidays). Calling Area Offices will likely get through much quicker during the above-listed times.
 - Albuquerque, 505-222-4700
- New Mexico State Police, 505-841-9256 (extension 1 – dispatch)
- Los Alamos Dispatch 505-662-8221
- Emergency call 911



In closing....

This presentation was not to scare or shame anyone but to better educate about existing in a mountain town with wildlife



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