

variety is found. Like No. 1 they are called Mule Deer by some and Black-tail or American Deer by others.

3rd. A deer of very small size, and with light and rather small horns. The color of the body and markings nearly the same as the first two varieties. It inhabits very bushy parts of the country and is not so timid as other varieties of deer. It is found in parts of the country where the climate is moist. It is the common and probably the only variety of deer on the coast, Vancouver Island and islands of the Gulf of Georgia and is said to be found also in some of the moister and more forested parts of the interior especially near lakes which are wooded. Its tail is the same as the 2nd variety, only the stripe on the back of the tail (which is the same color as the body) is *much wider* and there is hardly any white to be seen at the sides of the tail. These deer are called Coast Deer or Pacific Buck and are also very frequently named Black-tail.

4th. A deer of about the same size as the first variety and very similar to it in every way, excepting the tail which is longer and altogether white. It is found in the "Dry Belt" from the Thompson south, especially in the Similkameen and in some parts of Kootenay. It is called White-tail, Flag-tail Virginia Deer, and Long-tailed Deer. I would like to know the proper names of the four varieties of deer outlined above, and also if there are any other varieties to be found west of the Rockies in these latitudes.

Yours very truly,

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No. (1) Does weigh (when in prime condition) 100 to 150 lbs., bucks 200 to 275 lbs. A few weigh about 300 lbs. or over, and very rare specimens have been obtained which went as high as 400 lbs., and even more. These weights are average and for deer without the entrails removed.

A buck (with entrails removed) weighing 230 to 260 lbs. is considered an average *fine* one. Freaks are sometimes obtained of this kind of deer and also of No. (4). I knew one of the latter,