



Have you seen a deer like this?



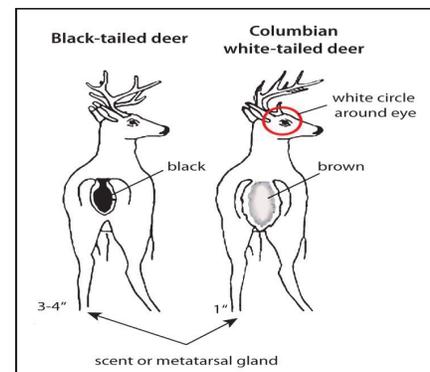
IF YOUR ANSWER IS “YES!”, PLEASE READ:

Background information:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting an emergency translocation of up to 50 endangered Columbian white-tailed deer from Julia Butler Hansen (JBH) Refuge near Cathlamet, Washington, to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge near Ridgefield, Washington, to rescue them from flooding from a potential dike breach on JBH.

How do I know it's a Columbian white-tailed deer?

Columbian white-tailed deer released on Ridgefield NWR have yellow ear tags and large collars, some with radio tracking attachments. Due to their size, fawns do not have collars, only yellow ear tags. These deer are the only white-tailed deer in the area and are distinguished by their longer tail which is brown on top and white underneath and white eye rings. The more common black-tailed deer have a black tail with a white surface underneath and a slightly larger metatarsal gland (see illustration). In white-tailed males, the antler prongs rise from a single main beam unlike black-tails, whose antler prongs rise from several beams.



What do I do if I see a Columbian white-tailed deer?

These deer have recently been relocated and are adjusting to their new home. If you spot one, please give it plenty of room and avoid disturbing the animal. CWTD are protected under both Federal and State law and killing, hunting, harming or harassing them is prohibited.

Who do I call to report a deer sighting or for more information?

Please contact Chris Lapp, Ridgefield NWR Manager at **360-887-2122** or visit <http://www.fws.gov/jbh/translocation.html>.