

The young ♀ feed 20 seconds with buck (♂) at feeder. when buck abruptly raised head the ♀ immediately left. Finally after 1/2 hours in feeding area the buck left to pursue the stray ♀.

The fawn and young female mule deer fed at feeder and a raccoon walked by at 5'. Both deer raised heads from feeder and then followed ^{the} raccoon for 10'. Raccoons frequently feed 2-3 feet from deer.

861024-10 Diptera from outside Bee House.

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Rain last night, cloudy this morning.

7:45 A.M. Following deer at feeder: young ♀ and ♂, fawn and ad. ♀. Stray ♀ pursued by buck (♂). The buck remains at top of cliffs when all ^{other} deer are feeding. when the buck approaches the feeder the other deer leave but return when buck leaves. At one time the buck approached the feeder with all other deer feeding and the ad. ♀ left feeder but buck was not concerned. The stray ♀ left and the buck pursued it. As the buck pursues the stray ♀ he approaches within 4'-5' and the ♀ runs ahead for 10'-15' followed by the ♂ after a minute or two wait. This was repeated 8 times as the crossed Deer Trail slope and beyond to N. In 20 minutes they returned and ♀ went to feeder and ♂ followed her and displaced her at the feeder. The ♂ followed 1/2 way up cliffs then returned to base, past feeder and up regular trail to top of cliffs. at neither of the 2 times the buck past the feeder did it concern himself with food. The entire family of deer left Bee House area and crossed Lower Parking Area to lawn on Joyce Fratjes home. The last to arrive was the buck who was pursuing ^{the ♀} and continued beyond Fratjes place. The other deer remained on the lawn and groomed standing up.

Deer trails on the Bee Estate ^{and elsewhere,} in summer, made and maintained by family groups are narrow and covered with trampled vegetation. In fall when large ^{and heavy} bucks are sexually active and the females ^{are} being pursued the trails are wide & depressed with sharp edges and dark pulverized soils.



SUMMER



FALL