

# Mule Deer Fawns - Cream of Enjoyment

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During early August several Mule Deer does visit our lawn and have eyes and ears always on alert as if to be keeping track of something in the forest. About 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 21 August, a buck, 4 does and 3 fawns graze on plants to the west of the house. About 12:40 after the deer's earlier departure, the same or other Mule Deer does appear accompanied by **four Fawns**. It is not known if any sets of fawns are twins or have different mothers. The number and location of spots help differentiate the four distinct fawns. After a gestation period of about 190-200 days, the doe drops her fawns in a protected locale and the fawns are not strong enough to follow their mother for about 10 days.



The above photos are of **Fawn One**: Right Side, Left Side and Portrait



The above photos are of **Fawn Two**: Right Side, Left Side and Portrait



The above photos are of **Fawns Three and Four** (right side photos only) as they soon depart into the forest with one doe:

First Photo: Two Fawns - **Fawn Three** (on left) and **Fawn Four** (on right, only photo of Fawn Four)

Center and Right Photos of **Fawn Three**: Right Side and Portrait

***"The cream of enjoyment in this life is always impromptu.***

***The chance walk; the unexpected visit; the unpremeditated journey . . ."*** Fanny Fern