

Tinneys' First Mule Deer Fawn of 2018

August 6 2018 *(Story and Photos by Bob and Maxine Tinney)*



On August 8 Bob and Maxine enjoy a Porkchop lunch on the north Patio about 1:30 p.m., and Maxine goes in the house to get apple pie for desert, when the patio door opens and Bob says "Mule Deer doe drinking at the water pan with new fawn." Mule Deer females usually give birth to two fawns, unless it is their first time to have a baby and only give birth to one fawn, as is probably the case here. Every fawn has a unique set of spots, even twins.



The fawn is full of life and enjoys scurrying about. Since 2005 the earliest the Tinneys have seen fawns is July 23 in 2006, but generally in August and September. Fawns are born scent-free and have white camouflage spots which protect them from predators. The doe continues to keep her babies scent free by consuming her fawn's urine and droppings.



The Fawn is curious about its new environment and is also thirsty and Mom lets the fawn suckle further away from the house. And as quickly as they arrive, Mom leads the fawn back to the safety of Arizona State Trust Land.

