

Two Fawns at the Tinneys July 23, 2020

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About 6:56 am, July 23, the Tinney are getting ready to leave for a walk when a doe and fawn enter from the State Trust Land. Another fawn appears and two more does and it is difficult to determine which fawn belongs to which doe. **Twins or not twins?** On average fawns weigh 6 to 8 pounds at birth and are reddish-brown with white spots that give a cryptic mottled effect. Fawns are able to stand a short time after birth, and move about on their own within a few hours of birth, but generally remain hidden and motionless for protection. It is not known if the two fawns have the same mother.



Looking at the two fawns it is difficult to determine if they are twins or not. We believe not, as the fawn (left) is darker brown and the spot patterning is very different from the lighter fawn (right). If twins, they would be fraternal not identical.



The Dark Mule Deer Fawn is on the left and the Light Mule Deer Fawn is on the right in the two photos. Whether they are twins or not twins; the Tinneys are 'fawned' of their brief visit to the yard.