



The Problem

For the last four years Craig has had a problem with deer.

The deer are coming into Craig and they are staying. They stay because it is safe and not dangerous. There are no predators. There is always plenty of food for them. They have decided to use Craig as their new habitat.

At first there were only a few. Now there are between 200 and 400 deer living in town. That is a big problem.



We can work together to solve the problem

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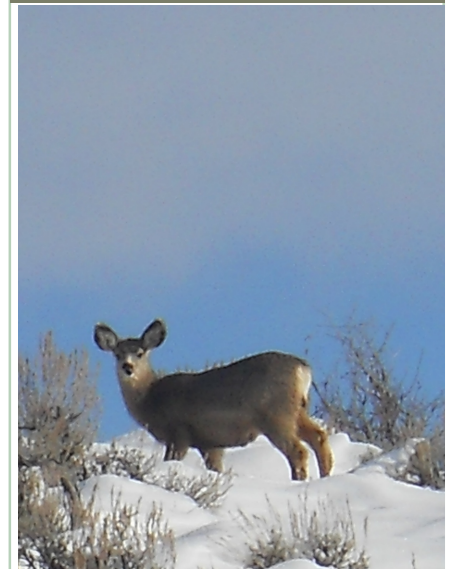
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The Deer Are Here To Stay



Sharing the Land



Craig, Colorado



How you can help...

- Don't touch the deer because you may get ticks, fleas, and pink eye.
- Don't feed the deer. You can make them sick. They will lose their wild instincts and die. If you stop feeding deer they may get aggressive. You'll have to pay a \$100 fine.
- If you want a fence it should be six feet no taller and put hedges by your fences so the deer can't see on the other side. Then the deer will not jump over it.
- Do not let your pets chase the deer outside your fence.
- If you see a sick, injured, or aggressive deer call the Colorado State Patrol at 824-6501.

Plant things outside your fence that deer don't like to eat.

Trees

Pine, Spruce, Birch, Poplar, Green Ash, and Juniper

Shrubs

Lilacs, Red Osier Dogwood, and Potentilla

Flowers

Dianthus, Iris, Marigold, Foxglove, Geranium, Peony, Snapdragon, Nasturtium, Oriental Poppy, and Cosmos

When there is always plenty of food the deer have more fawns and the herd grows larger. We can help by limiting the food supply.