

SCWMA DEER SPOTLIGHT SURVEY

YEAR: 2024

Ranch: _____
 County: _____
 Date: _____
 Temp: _____
 Wind: _____
 Time: _____

No. Miles: _____
 Name of Line/#: _____
 Observers: _____

BUCKS	DOES	FAWNS	UNIDENTIFIED	TOTAL

IDENTIFIED DEER		
	No.	%
BUCKS		
DOES		
FAWNS		
TOTAL		100.00

Total Deer Observed: _____
 Acres Visibility: _____
 Acres Per Deer: _____
 Deer Per 1,000 Acres: _____
 Does Per Buck: _____
 Fawns Per Doe: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Use the same survey line(s) as previously established (the acres of visibility estimate and census data will be un-useable if the route is not replicated EXACTLY as originally established).
<input type="checkbox"/> Surveys should be made during August and September . Counts should be concluded before factors such as acorn-drop, green-up of winter food plots, and breeding season alter deer habits and movements.
<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to make a minimum of three surveys annually at more or less weekly intervals.
<input type="checkbox"/> If possible, avoid conducting surveys during periods of weather changes (rain, high winds, cool fronts, etc.) or if disruptive activities occurred during the day prior to the survey (cattle work, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin the survey no earlier, or no later, than 1 HOUR AFTER SUNSET.
<input type="checkbox"/> Drive the survey route at approximately 5 miles per hour.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not stop to search for deer. However, the vehicle should be stopped whenever a deer is observed so that identification can be attempted.
<input type="checkbox"/> Record ALL deer observed. Use binoculars to try to identify. Deer should be classified in one of four categories – “antlered buck”, “adult doe”, or current-year “fawn” if POSITIVE identification can be made (fawns are a separate category and should not be lumped with does) – or as “Unidentified” if not positive. DO NOT GUESS the identity of a deer if not positive to avoid biasing herd composition
<input type="checkbox"/> Record only those deer within 250 yards of the vehicle (250 yards on each side of the route, or 500 yards total width, is the maximum distance used to estimate visible acres).
<input type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary, but try to record the deer data by mile if possible.
<input type="checkbox"/> Observations should be made by utilizing hand-held spotlights. No more, or no less, than two spotlights (one on each side of the vehicle) should be used.
<input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE NOTIFY THE LOCAL GAME WARDEN BEFORE CONDUCTING SPOTLIGHT SURVEYS.
Return the completed survey forms (in an e-mail if possible) by September 15th at:
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