

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ANIMAL

The **Whitetail Deer** is the official state animal, as enacted by the General Assembly on October 2, 1959.



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THE LEGACY CONTINUES: *"The white-tailed deer is today Pennsylvania's most striking game animal. At the same time, it is also the Commonwealth's most complicated game problem."* — Pennsylvania Game News, Editorial, October 1947.

Pennsylvania designated the white-tailed deer as official state animal in 1959. The white underside of the deer's tail waves when running and is flashed as a warning when danger is sensed.

An animal of incredible beauty and power, white-tailed deer are able to run up to 40 miles per hour, jump 9 foot fences, and swim 13 miles per hour. Both native Americans and settlers relied on the white-tailed deer for buckskin and food.