

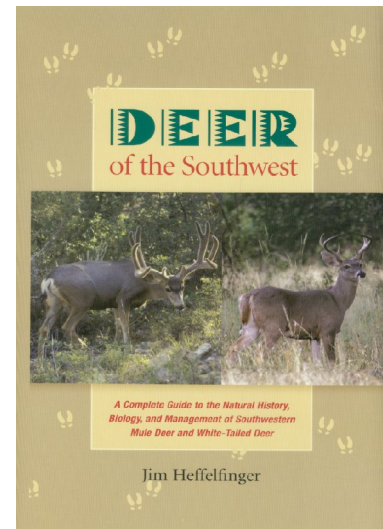
Deer of the Southwest

A Complete Guide to the Natural History, Biology, and Management of Desert Mule Deer and Coues Whitetails throughout the Southwest.

By Jim Heffelfinger

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