

## Feeder Count Instructions

Select 1 or more feeder locations to count deer at.

Count the Maximum number of each sex of each species you see at the feeder(s).

Each person should collect data from only 1 feeder per day.

Each time you see a deer near your feeder, count the number of individuals in view and record that number on your Data Sheet.

For example, if the first time you look at your feeder you see one White-Tailed Buck and two Axis Does, record these numbers in the appropriate columns.

If later on you see more deer at your feeder, revise your Data Sheet to reflect the larger number.

For example, if later on you see two White-Tailed Bucks and three Axis Does, change the number of White-Tailed Bucks on your Data Sheet from one to two, and the number of Axis Does from two to three.

**Do not** add your counts together.

Record only the largest number of individuals of each species of deer in view at one time. By following this method you will not over report deer that visit the feeders more often.

**Do** count all deer in view, even if they are not actively feeding or near your feeder.

For each species of deer, count Bucks, Does, and Fawns separately.

For example, if you looked at the feeder and saw 1 Sika Buck, 3 Axis Does, and 6 Axis Fawns; you would record the fawns, does, and buck in their own column by species.

On your count sheet, indicate where on the tract the animals were seen.

Example:

Square tract

North

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Triangular

North

1	2	3
4	5	
7		

The samples above are only two examples of lot layouts. For our purposes, all tracts are considered either square or triangular and parts 1 – 3 are always along the northern edge of the tract.

There are four types of triangular tracts. Use only the numbers in the type triangle you own.

These are reference numbers to give the wildlife committee an idea of where you took the count. This will help the biologist fill in the information about distribution that can't be determined from the road. The location number should be entered on the top line of the count form. Use a separate count sheet for each location.

Return all data sheets to the Wildlife Committee

For: Feb, Mar, Apr -- by April 16  
May, Jun, Jul-- by July 16  
Aug, Sep, Oct – by October 16  
Nov, Dec, Jan – by January 16

Please keep in mind that this survey is voluntary and is strictly to help the biologist do a better job preparing the report. It will identify how much movement occurs in the various species.

