



Fawn

**Deer Fawns** – In the San Juans most fawns are born in the early part of May. For the first 2 weeks or so, fawns are often left on their own for 6–8 hours while their mother goes off to feed. They should stay quietly curled up in the grass until she returns. A fawn doing this should be left undisturbed. If the fawn is wandering around and mewling it may be hungry because its mother has failed to return. Watch from a safe distance (with binoculars), or leave and return in a few hours to see if the fawn is still around. If it is, give us a call. Do not handle the fawn.

**Fawns in the Road** –Young fawns are sometimes found crouched down in the middle of the road. This can happen when mother and fawn are crossing the road and something startles them. The doe moves off into the bushes and the fawn instinctively drops to the ground and lies very still. An uninjured fawn can be moved by scooping it up with your hands under its chest and hind end and putting it in the cover of thick grass or bushes a few yards off the road. Mom will likely come back to collect her fawn when everything is quiet and there is nobody around.