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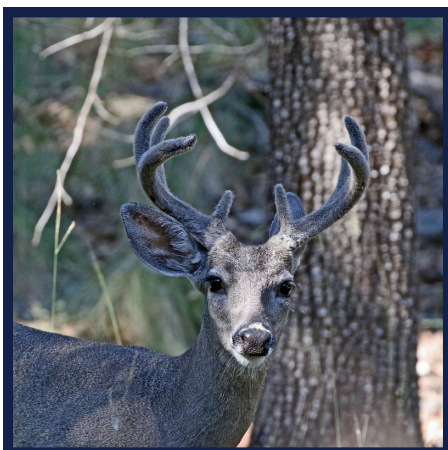
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This month, we are learning all about the Coues White-tailed Deer, (*Odocoileus virginianus couesi*). Here are some fun facts:

- Coues deer are among the smallest deer in the US; males weigh 80-100 pounds and 30-32 inches in height.
- They have large ears that route their circulatory system to cool their blood.
- Named after Elliot Coues, U.S. Army surgeon stationed at Fort Whipple in the Arizona Territory from 1865-1866. His name was pronounced "cows," but "cooz" has since been adopted as the preferred pronunciation.

Sources:

<https://azstateparks.com/coues-deer>