



# Part III: How to Hunt out West





# Agenda

- Species to hunt out west
  - Mule Deer
  - Antelope
  - Elk
  - Caribou
  - Black Bear
- Tactics for Western Hunting
  - Still Hunting
  - Spot and Stalk



# Antelope

- Habitat
  - Sage Brush Seas
  - Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, AZ
  - Open areas reliant on vision
- Hunting considerations
  - Excellent Vision so you will need to sneak
  - Often little water where antelope live
  - Far shots are common
  - They are Smaller than you think
  - Shot for white baseball size knob behind shoulder
  - Glassing is Key
  - Gloves and Kneepads to spite the cactus
  - Carry extra water
  - Fur is hollow and pulls out easily (shoulder mount skinning is tough)
  - All bucks look similar – Focus on deep V forks or unique spreads between horns





# Antelope 2

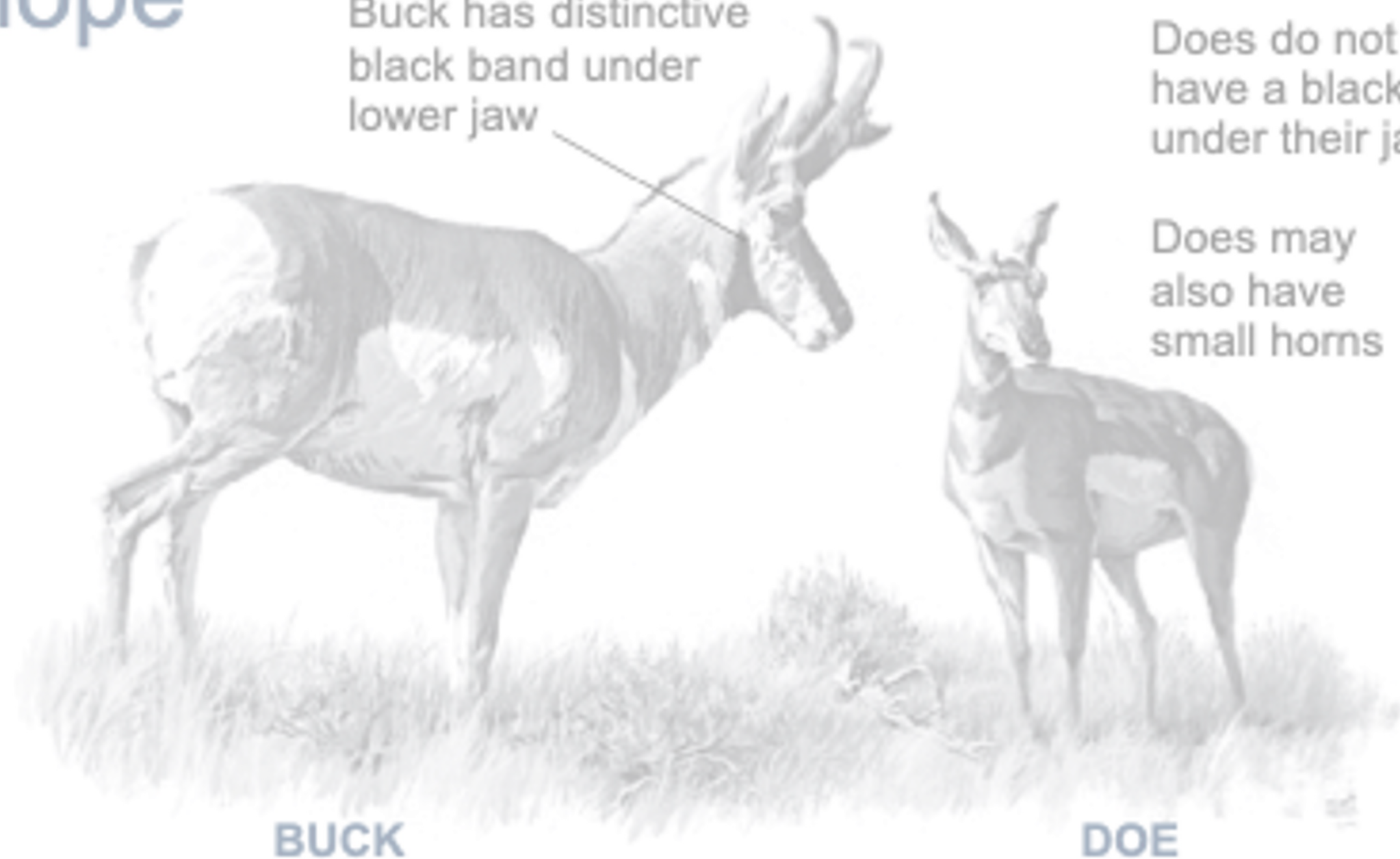
- Meat care
  - Seasons in August through early October so get the meat broken down and in the shade quick
  - Hang meat ASAP and get the breeze on the meat
  - DO NOT put the whole animal in one game bag
  - Meat dries out quick in arid climate
- Shooting
  - 400-yard shots are common
  - 127 – 156 bullets are well-suited for the job
  - 6.5 – 300 win mag are all good calibers

# Antelope

Buck has distinctive  
black band under  
lower jaw

Does do not  
have a black band  
under their jaw

Does may  
also have  
small horns



BUCK

DOE

## ANTELOPE HUNTING REGULATIONS

**YEARLING BUCK  
ANTELOPE**



**1 BUCK**



**DOE**



### ANTELOPE CHARACTERISTICS

The ability to distinguish between buck, doe and yearling buck antelope is critical to hunters holding licenses valid for only does and fawns.

- 1. Horns** - Should be prominent with a prong or point between the base and tip and extend beyond the ears for adult males. Yearling bucks have shorter horns, typically at ear-length. Does often grow horns, which occasionally grow to the length of the ears.
- 2. Cheek patch** - Both yearling bucks and adult bucks have a black cheek patch below the ear at the angle of the jaw. Even among fawns, which usually lack visible horns, the black cheek patches distinguish males from females. Females lack the black cheek patch.



# You Feta Not Miss Burger

Makes 4 burgers

Ingredients:

Three tablespoons butter

1 large yellow onion

Container of pitted dates

Minced garlic

Cherry vinegar

Dried thyme

Dried marjoram

1 pound ground Antelope

Feta cheese

Onion buns

Romaine lettuce

8 tablespoons of local honey

Cayenne pepper

Instructions:

- Melt butter in cast iron pan. Add diced yellow onion and caramelize over low heat. 20-30 min
- Mince/food processor/ slap-chop 12 dates, 1 1/2 tablespoons of minced garlic, and 1/4 cup of the cherry vinegar. Goal is to make a mostly spreadable paste from this.
- Mix thyme and marjoram into your ground big game and form into 4 1/4 pound patties. Season with salt and pepper. Cook to medium or medium rare.
- Toast buns
- Add Lettuce
- Then Caramelized onions
- Now the Burger
- Paste of dates, garlic, cherry vinegar
- A bunch of feta cheese (use the powder as opposed to the chunks and sprinkle generously)
- 1 tablespoon local honey
- Top bun