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...There are only about 500,000 mule deer in Texas, and more than 4 million whitetails. Whitetails prefer a brush density of around 75 percent, while mule deer prefer more open rangeland with brush density at 40 percent.

Whitetail deer and mule deer do interbreed ... Research conducted in Donley County and the Trans-Pecos area of West Texas reveal an 8 percent rate of hybridization in areas where territories overlap. Hybrids have a limited ability to successfully breed and show inconsistent coloration and horn configuration.