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# **ARE ALL DEER ON NANTUCKET REALLY DESCENDED FROM JUST THREE DEER?**

Residents of Nantucket tell a story that all deer now on the island are descended from one male and two female deer brought to the island in the 1920's. If this story is true, it presents a unique situation with clear genetic consequences. Although preliminary results do support the hypothesis that many deer on Nantucket are descendants of the two original female deer, there is also evidence that other females have contributed to the population.



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