

MAINE COLLISIONS

BETWEEN VEHICLES AND LARGE ANIMALS

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**IN MAINE, WILDLIFE
CRASHES HAPPEN
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
BE ALERT!**

- From dusk till dawn – moose travel at night when they are most difficult to see in the road.
- In May or June when collisions with Moose increase dramatically.
- Whenever you see a moose - you can bet there are more nearby since they travel in herds.

IF A CRASH IS UNAVOIDABLE...

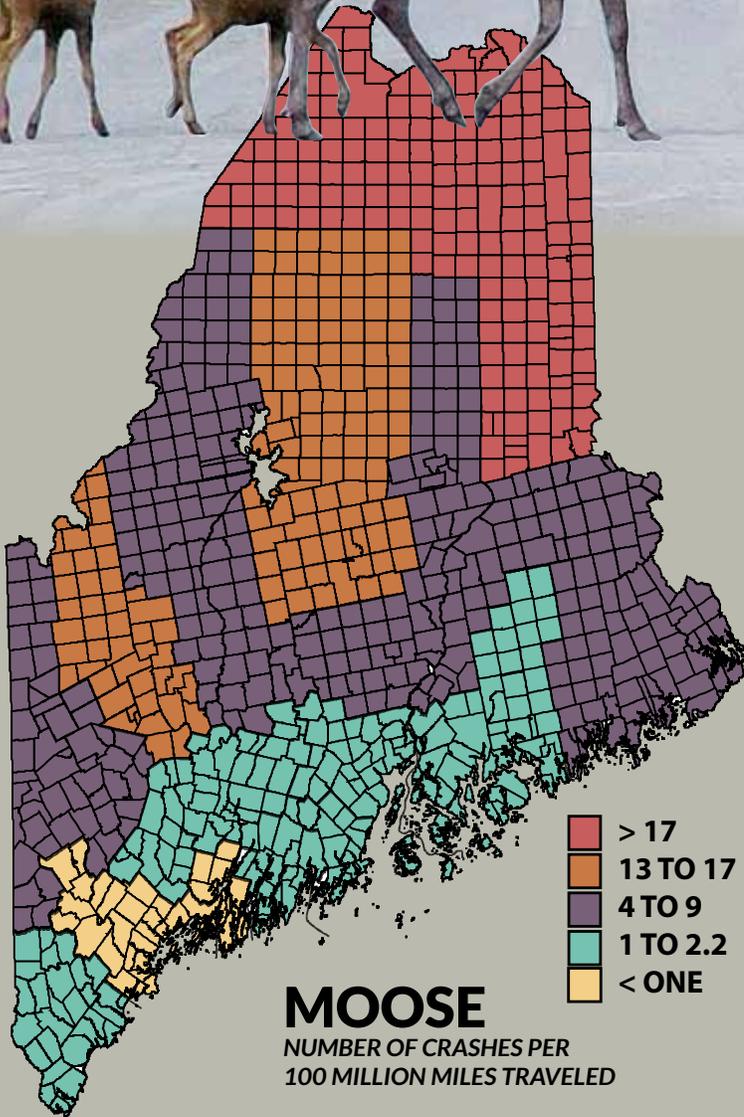
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- Let up on the brake just before impact.
- Aim to hit the tail of the animal.
- Duck down to minimize your injuries.



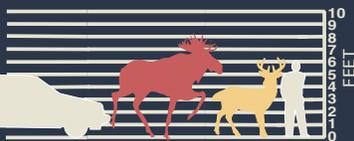
In this photo, the moose that is backlit by the sun on the side of the road is quite easy to see. However, the moose in shadows in the on coming traffic lane is much less visible in this typical dawn/dusk setting.

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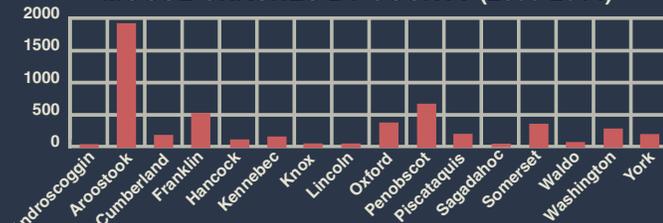
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RELATIVE SIZE OF A MOOSE AND DEER COMPARED TO A SIX FOOT PERSON AND A MID-SIZE AUTOMOBILE



MOOSE CRASHES BY COUNTY (2005-2014)



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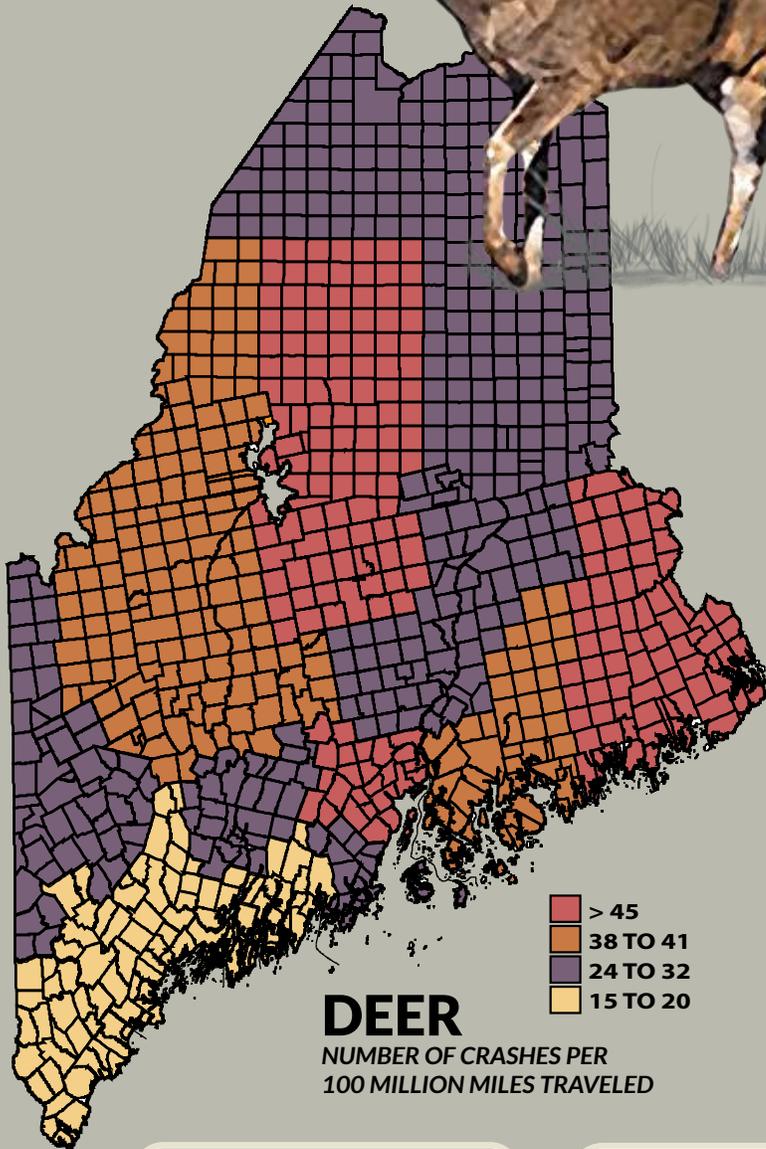


IN MAINE, WILDLIFE CRASHES HAPPEN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. BE ALERT!

- From dusk till dawn – deer travel at night when they are most difficult to see in the road.
- In November – collisions with deer peak in November – during breeding season.
- Whenever you see a deer - you can bet there are more nearby since they travel in herds.

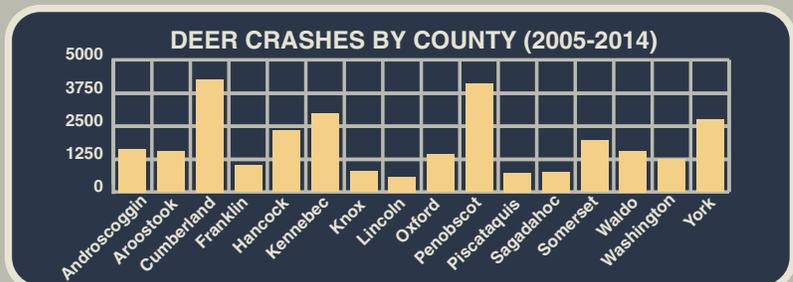
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