

Are the Columbian Black tailed Deer native to this area?

Yes.

The Columbian Black tailed Deer ranges from Central British Columbia, west into the cascade Mountains, then south along the mountains to central California about as far south as the Carmel/Monterey Bay region.

They tend to prefer areas with plenty of forest cover (for shelter and protection) with grassy fields nearby for feeding). Many portions of the upland areas of this area fit this description; Foothills Park is a prime example. On many mornings I have seen deer on our turf areas get suddenly spooked by my truck and run off into the woods.

Depending on availability of food and shelter a Black tailed deer will have a home range from ½ square mile up to about 3 square miles. We have plenty of food and shelter and can support a fairly large herd of deer ion Palo Alto Open Space.