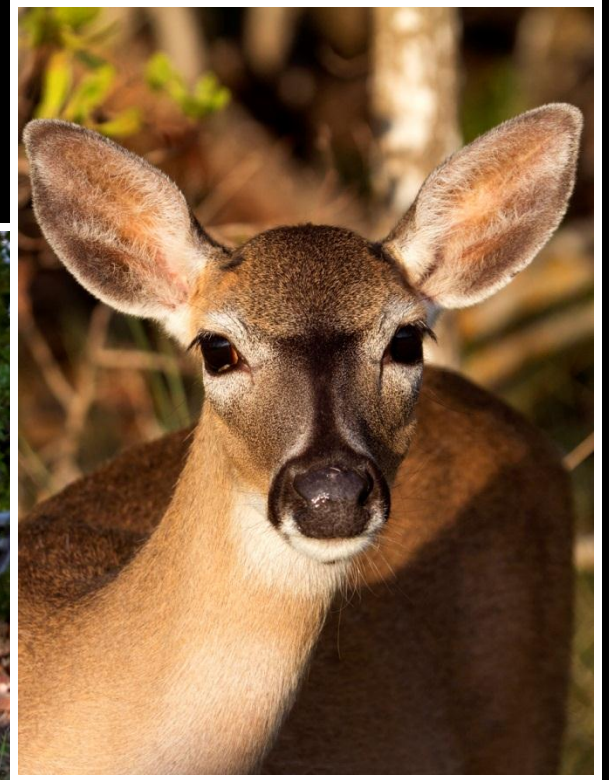




#### J. N. "DING" DARLING CARTOON OF HUNTERS AND KEY DEER

In 1934, this cartoon was hastily drawn by J. N. "Ding" Darling to call attention to the illegal poaching which was decimating the Key deer population. After WWII, the Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta urgently reported that an estimated 26 Key deer remained. In June 1952, the Boone and Crockett Club of New York hired a full-time warden to protect the remaining Key deer. The National Wildlife Federation contributed towards continued warden service, and in 1954, Congress authorized the establishment of National Key Deer Refuge. The National Wildlife Federation spearheaded a drive for funds acquiring lands for the establishment of this inviolate refuge in 1957. The Boone and Crockett Club, the Wildlife Club of Philadelphia, and public-spirited individuals pledged additional sums which made possible the protection of the smallest subspecies of North American deer.



# Key Deer