

Michigan Bow Hunters

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'Nockin' 'Round The North

by Liz Gall

At this writing, winter, so far, has been kind to the deer and little animals. The snow is not so deep that they cannot get around. They are able to range out and feed on apples, acorns and garden "stuffs" which they dig out of the snow. We find fresh tracks almost daily where the deer have been feeding the night before.

As the snow gets deeper the deer will be forced to yard up and then the trouble begins. A deer yard is a thick woods or swamp edge of cedars and pines where snow piles up on thick branches providing cover from the wind and weather. The deer make a trail through the yard so they can range out for food as long as weather permits. While confined to the yard they browse as high as they can reach while standing on their hind legs. This leaves the fawn or small deer without food early in the season. Year after year the animals will return to the same yard eating all new growth leaving the area barren of food.

Game biologists and foresters watch for such areas and cuttings are planned to provide them with food for the winter. The sound of the chain saw is music to the ears of our northern Michigan white-tails, as woodsmen cut trees near browsed-out deer yards. Downed trees provide the essential food for weakened animals when cut near enough. The Conservation Department has planned for thousands of acres of such cuttings again this winter.

The country is covered with fox tracks and there is evidence that coyote are plentiful. It would be rather difficult to get either of these animals with bow and arrow when chased by dogs. But they say there is much fun to be had by calling them in with a predator call and "peckin" away.

Why not give it a try and let us know how you do so we can report it in the monthly "NEWS". There is no closed season on fox or coyote.



PHOTO CREDIT — Charles Stafford of Kalamazoo

Andy Ammann and his turkey taken with a bow the first day of the season with a permit, near Baldwin. Andy felt it wasn't such a great feat as the turkey allowed him two shots at twenty yards, with the bird remaining in a squatting position and motionless like a grouse. It was a lone adult hen weighing eight and a half pounds. We disagree with Andy and feel getting a turkey with a bow and arrow is a feat at any time.

V.P.'s Message

I wish to thank everyone who took the time to write me concerning their views on hunting from tree blinds. I would like to ask this favor of each and every bowhunter -- sit down and write both your local representative

and senator and give him your feelings on hunting from tree blinds.

I have talked to both Senator Gordon Rockwell and Representative Raymond Baker, chairmen of the conservation committee in both the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives. They have both expressed some doubt about this bill from the standpoint of safety and also taking an unfair advantage of the deer.

I feel this would be a very good law for bow and arrow hunters and hope that you and your hunting partners will take five or ten minutes and write your Senator and Representative asking for his or her support in the introduction of a bill that would allow the archers to hunt from a scaffold, raised platform, deadfall or tree.

Let's not hesitate on writing as the Legislative Session began on January 10, 1968 and the sooner a bill is introduced the better the chance of its passage.

Also, reserve the night of April 6, 1968 to be in Lansing at the annual awards banquet and dance. It will be held at the Ingham County Conservation League Clubhouse (same place as last year). The dinner will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the dance at 9:30 P.M. Tickets are \$5.00 each and you can get them by sending your check to me at 203 West Weiland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Douglas L. Bartrem
Vice President
Michigan Bow Hunters

1968 Membership Contest

In your January issue of "MBH NEWS" there was a list of rules and prizes available to members participating in the membership contest. It is hoped you read the rules over carefully and have started already in signing up new members.

It is not necessary to use an application blank for sending in new mem-

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Hunting News & Stories Needed

We have have many letters from our members telling us they wait patiently each month for their copy of "MBH NEWS" and they read every word in it from cover to cover. It is impossible to answer each and every letter from our members but never the less we want you to know your letters are appreciated.

Some months it is hard to gather enough news and material to fill our four page news letter so we would appreciate receiving hunting news, pictures and stories from our members. Don't be alarmed or discouraged if your story doesn't appear at once as we will use them as space permits.

Membership Contest

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bers to the secretary. You can send them in on a list but the list must be complete with the correct name, address, city, state, zip code and county for each new member. Be sure and mark "CONTEST" on all entries sent in so you will be sure and receive credit.

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State Announces

Forest Trails for Snowmobiles

LANSING — Michigan snowmobilers receive special attention this year from the Conservation Department. Sixteen laid-out trails from five to twenty-five miles long are available in state forests in the northern two-thirds of the state. If stretched end to end, they would reach from Jackson to the Mackinac Bridge.

Ten of the forest trails are in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, the remainder in the Upper Peninsula. Detailed trail maps are available free at the Department's Lansing office and at field offices throughout the northern part of the state.

Operators of snowmobiles are request-

ed to confine their travels to the trails. This is a precautionary measure to protect young trees. Department foresters offer other suggestions: Whenever possible, travel with another snowmobile. Many of the trails are through rugged country where a breakdown or accident can be serious. An extra fan belt is a good idea. If you do travel alone, include a pair of snowshoes in your gear. Always remember, help keep Michigan beautiful, don't be a litter bug.

Established trails in the Upper Peninsula are in these state forests: Manistique, Schoolcraft County; Michigamme, Marquette County; Tahquamenon River, Luce County; Mackinac, Mackinac County; Munuscong, Chippewa County. Two trails are in the development stage. They are in Menominee and Alger counties.

In the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, the trails are in the following state forests: Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Missaukee counties; Ogemaw, Ogemaw County; Oscoda Iosco and Oscoda Counties; Tittabawassee River, Gladwin County; Hardwood, Cheboygan County; Jordan River, Antrim County; Fife Lake, Grand Traverse County.

Snowshoe Rabbit

by Liz Gall

The *Lepus americanus* is known in Michigan as the snowshoe hare, snowshoe rabbit, varying hare, and northern jack rabbit. This mammal is fleet of foot, a fine jumper, and can out distance man and dogs. It is able to withstand extreme cold with no ill effects. He is reddish brown in summer with black tips on his ears and white underneath changing in the fall to all white with only the ear tips remaining black. This change is due to a moult as he sheds the brown coat and grows a new white coat — thus the name varying hare. His feet are

very large for the size of the animal with broad palms, widespread toes and thick hair which grows thicker in the winter months actually providing the rabbit with snowshoes.

Babies of the hare are born with their eyes open and are able to take care of themselves in three weeks or less. The snowshoes of Michigan are less prolific than most of their relatives, usually producing one litter a year with three or four per litter — as many as six or eight per litter during their peak years.

Their principal foods are succulent shoots and twigs of many northern trees and in the winter, bark of poplar, willow, birch and others. Contrary to the general habits of rabbits and hares, snowshoes do relish a bit of meat in their diet and often get into baited traps set for fur-bearing animals.

They are a cyclic animal — the population apparently increasing slowly for several years and then a sudden jump for a year or two of tremendous increase, followed by an epidemic and die-off.

The snowshoe is not as well liked for food as the cottontail but it is good eating and is one of the staples of many northern Indians. Also the chief reliance of northern fur bearing animals and the snowy owl.

The snowshoe is an important game animal in Michigan with 200,000 to 600,000 taken annually by hunters.

Permits Available

LANSING — State park vehicle permits for 1968 are now available at park offices and the Conservation Department's Publications Room, Mason Building, Lansing.

Triangular in shape, the permits are in two colors: orange for residents at \$3.00; yellow for nonresidents at \$5.00.

Possession of a vehicle permit does not guarantee availability of a campsite or picnic table in times of park capacity. Daily fees for campsites vary from \$1.50 to \$2.00 depending on available facilities. There are times when it is necessary to close parks for protection against over loading and breakdown of facilities. Cars with permits are not exceptions when this happens.

Revenue from sale of permits is used for purchase of park lands and for park facilities. It cannot be used for any other purpose. Cost of maintenance, operation, and personnel is paid by tax dollars from the state's general fund.

Michigan Bow Hunters

Annual Bobcat Hunt

Michigan Bow Hunters traveled north in January to take part in the ninth annual bobcat hunt to was held in the Onaway area. For a change, the roads weren't bad and the weatherman was kind both days of the hunt. Hunters didn't seem to mind the below zero temperatures and more than sixty hunters and guides took to the woods each morning of the hunt and endeavored to follow the sound of the hounds as they were put on the trail of the cat. Luck was not with them in the "kill" as the dogs took care of that before the guides and hunters could prevent it. However, most of the hunters did get in on a chase and one lucky guy got a quick glimpse of the fleeing animal as he moved through thick cover on the Saturday hunt.

Hunters were able to get in a chase on two different cats on Sunday, the last of which took cover in an old beaver dam.

We are sorry about the fellas who got stuck and had to spend a few hours of hard labor before they could get out.

After the Saturday evening meal at the Metropole Hotel, head-quarters for the hunt, Boyd Crist of Black Lake entertained the group with some very interesting pictures of sturgeon fishing.

Our local forester told us a little story about the bobcat. Seems that a young fella vacationing in our area approached him for some advice. He had heard, he said, that a flash light would keep a bobcat away from you. The forester replied, "Well, that depends on how fast you carry it."

In the Upper Peninsula, cutting will be done manually with chain saws by individuals on a bid-contract basis. Manual cutting will also be used on about 200-250 acres in the Lower Peninsula.

For the most part, aspen is cut in these operations. Although not top deer food like cedar, red maple, dogwood and basswood, aspen is classed as a medium quality deer food. Also, it is the most prevalent species in Michigan's deer country and it sprouts readily after cutting.

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Tree Cutting for Deer

About 7,000 acres of state forests are in this winter's "hopper" for tree cutting operations to improve winter food supplies for Michigan's deer herd.

Three giant tractors with specially designed blades will be used in northern Lower Peninsula forest areas adjacent to established deer yards.

During last month the machines will have already done there job in Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Manistee, Benzie, Lake, Wexford and Grand Traverse Counties. Counties in the Conservations Department's Gladwin district are also on this schedule.

APRIL 6 SET FOR STARTING DATE

For Reports On Trout and Salmon

Michigan fisherman are reminded by the Conservation Department that they do not have to start using the state's new trout and salmon catch report forms until April 6, 1968, when the general season on those fish begins in the Great Lakes and in designated inland streams.

The report forms are available with 1968 fishing license identification cards and stamps at some 3,400 dealers throughout the state.

Under a law passed this year, anglers are required to use the "report cards" to record their catches of trout and salmon in the Great Lakes from April 6 through November 30. The new forms also must be filled out to register angler success in designated streams during the early trout and salmon season from April 6 through April 26 and during the extended fall season from September 9 through November 30.

Lists of these designated streams, generally covering the same waters as open last year, will be available at the Conservation Department's field

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The Year, 1967 Generally Wet

LANSING — Wettest part of Michigan in 1967 was a seven-county area in the central Lower Peninsula, according to a Conservation Department report. Driest was the east end of the Upper Peninsula.

Four inches above normal was the top rainfall figure for Osceola, Clare Gladwin, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm and Gratiot counties through September. Next wettest was the Saginaw Bay Thumb area where the rainfall was 3.6 inches over the normal.

Streamflow was generally high, especially in the northern two-thirds of the state. An index station in southern Houghton County registered its highest streamflow mark in 29 years.

Except for the Upper Peninsula, ground water levels were above average, and in the southeastern part of the state, they reached an all-time high.

Inland lake levels, generally, were a little above normal.

**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

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John E. Mahler
Lawrencebur9, Indiana

Trout and Salmon (continued from page 3)

offices and its Lansing headquarters in early March.

The catch report forms are patterned after those used successfully in the West to evaluate salmon management programs, reports Jack Bails, administ-

rative assistant of the Department's Fish Division.

He points out: "We're asking trout and salmon fishermen to help themselves to better sport by cooperating in filling out these forms. Their records will provide us with the kind of information we need on fishing to improve our trout and salmon program."

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by Liz Gall

Another month and with winter well on its way out, weather conditions in north Michigan are still favorable for the woods creatures. There is only reported two feet of snow in the U.P. and deer are ranging out as much as five miles in most of the area. In the northern lower peninsula, there is only a foot of snow and the deer are looking good. They are moving out at night and drivers must be alert that one does not dash cut in front of them unexpectedly.

The long range weather forecast for March rates the month as normal, both in temperature and precipitation - though there is just a hint that things might break up a little early.

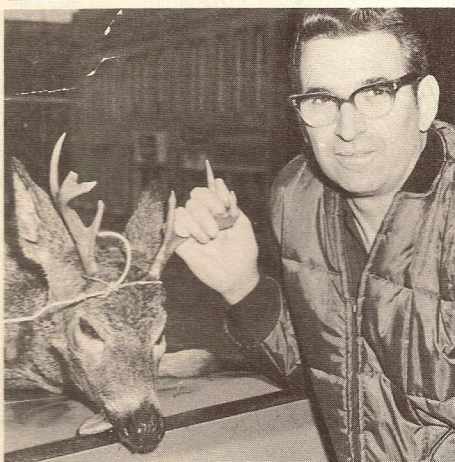
This is going a little farther north for news but we thought some of you readers might be interested to learn that there have been some changes in the hunting laws of our neighbor--Ontario Canada. The new law provides that the purchasers of licenses must complete a course in hunter safety, including tests that might take five days to complete. However, if the hunter can show a license from any province, state or country as proof of past hunting experience and completes a hunting license application form, the Ontario permit will be given without the course.

Those freezing rains made ours a country of glass -- with a beautiful glare that could easily give hunters and outdoor sportsmen a good case of snow blindness. This is an ever present winter-time danger and we are reminded to wear those colored glasses. A smear of mascara or ashes under the eyes to dull reflections is a big help, too.

For those lucky rabbit hunters, here's a recipe out of the north country on how to cook it the old German way. Soak the meat in salt water for a few

hours. Brown in a hot skillet (NO FLOUR OR CRUMBS PLEASE). Place meat in a roaster with small amount of water. Pour a can of tomato soup over, add salt and pepper and cook till tender. You may wish to add a little wine to the gravy before the meat is completely done.

It's time to check on the fish arrows --sucker season is not far off.



Charles Porta and his eight point, 150 pound buck taken in Dickenson County.

V.P.'s Message

Are you planning on attending the annual MBH awards banquet April 6, 1968? Let's hope the answer is yes and that you already have your tickets. An evening of fun is being planned for all that attend.

The speaker of the evening will be Mr. William E. Laycock, Regional Manager of Region III of the Department of Conservation. I am sure that Mr. Laycocks speech will interest all of us.

The banquet dinner will be swiss steak, served family style. Following dinner will be the presentation of Big Game Awards for 1967. After the presentation of awards and business meeting there will be dancing to the music of "Red" Van Sickles band.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM

and dancing will begin at 9:30. This years awards banquet will be held at the Ingham County Conservation League Clubhouse on Canal Road west of Lansing, the same place as last year. For exact details on how to get there see the map insert elsewhere in this issue.

If you do not have your tickets, then send for them today to Douglas L. Bartrem, 203 West Weiland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and includes dinner and dancing. You must have your tickets in advance, so send for them today before you forget.

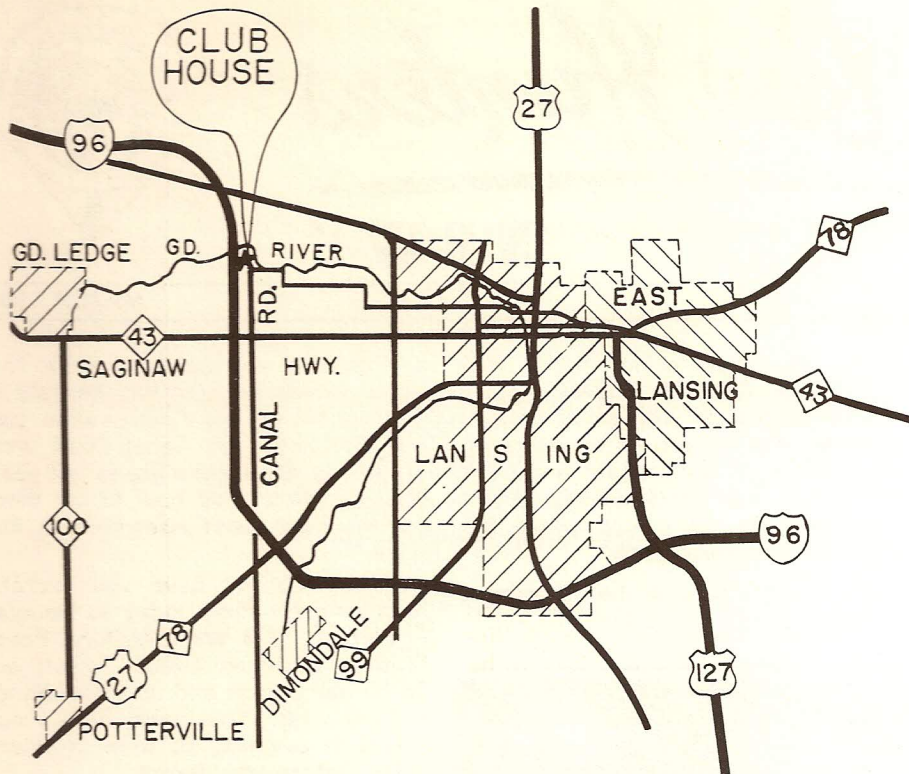
At this writing, Senate Bill No. 982, which if passed would allow the bow hunters to hunt from a deadfall, raised platform, tree or scaffold, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Gordon Rockwell of Mt. Morris. Senator Rockwell is chairman of the Conservation and Tourist Committee of the State Senate and also introduced the bill for us last year that won the bowhunters the extended deer season in Zone 3.

This year a bill on the raised platform for hunting is being introduced in both the House and Senate. At this writing we do not have the number of the House bill but it will be introduced by Representative Philip Pittenger of Lansing in the House of Representatives. We hope that with the bill introduced in both the houses we will stand a better chance of passage. We will have the number of the House bill before the March issue is mailed and will include a Legislative Bulletin with current information available.

Please don't forget to take five minutes and write both the Senator and Representative in your respective area urging his support on the passage of these bills.

I am sure this bill will pass if each one of us give it as much support as we did the extended season bill last year. Let's all get behind the Michigan Bow Hunters and improve the archery hunting in our great State.

Douglas L. Bartrem
Vice-President
Michigan Bow Hunters



Above is a map of the city of Lansing which directs you to the Ingham County Conservation League Clubhouse where the annual MBH bansuet will be held on April 6, 1968.

Bowhunting in South Carolina

by Andy Amman

While visiting my son Larry, in South Carolina over the 1967 Christmas holidays, I took advantage of a special bow and arrow season in a portion of the Francis Marion National Forest near Charleston. It was a five day season, December 26-30, open to taking two deer of either sex, two turkeys and wild (feral) hogs. Hunters were required to register at the checking station maintained by the South Carolina Wildlife Resource's Department and asked to bring in any game taken for weighting, aging and sexing and in any instance to turn in a report at the end of the season.

Many of the ninety or so hunters who participated camped at the picturesque camp ground among the huge live oaks festooned with spanish moss, near the checking station -- probably a former plantation homesite. They came mostly from North and South Carolina. I was probably the only one from as far away as Michigan. Except for one night when I slept out near

a deer stand, I commuted about sixty miles from my sons home, which made it a long day -- up at 4:30 am, and back at 7:30 or 8:00 at night. The non-resident license is \$22.25 which covers all game, feathered and furred, large and small. The bag limits on this area, by the way, didn't count toward the regular bag limits elsewhere in the state. Only one doe and two small pigs were taken by noon of the last day, an indication of the difficulties of hunting in that country.

After hunting in Michigan with numerous regulations, it was a real relief not to have to remove the bow quiver, unstring the bow and put it in a case every time I got in the car. I simply left it strung the whole season.

The first couple of mornings and evenings I sat in a blind I had built by a rye patch in one of the numerous small clearings, created by the Wildlife Resources Department in the forest. Tracks were plentiful, but the deer must have come in mostly during the night, for I never saw one here. Larry went along one day, but he didn't see any either.

Much of this country is too dense, too noisy and too flat to permit successful stalking or "still" hunting. Nearly all the archers I talked to hunted from tree "stands" consisting of a simple board or an elaborate platform, a commercially manufactured tree stand, or an aluminum ladder with a hinged platform that could be chained to a tree. One stand was on a leaning tree which was easily reached by walking up on spikes nailed to the trunk at convenient intervals. An elevation of just ten feet off the ground is sufficient, apparently, to give the hunter a considerable advantage. It puts a whole new dimension into bow (see bowhunting - page 3)

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Taylor,

I sent a picture last week of my buck and hope you got it. I seen in the December issue "MBH NEWS" that Jim Snowden killed his eighth deer. Jim and I have been bow hunting together for several years and we always had the competitive spirit. I might add that Larry Flaminio of Iron Mountain, another member, was a part of our three way bet. Each year the person killing the largest deer receives a six pack from each of the other two. Jim moved down to Detroit last year but this does not eliminate him from the obligation, the contest is still in force. Snowden, please send me a check for the purchase of the item mentioned above, Larry has already paid off.

On the 29th of October I was out desperately trying to fill my license and I was thinking, this is the last day of hunting for me as it was Sunday and I have to work all week and don't get a chance to hunt. I was about ready to leave my blind at 4:30 PM when I saw a deer coming down the trail. He came to within 37 yards and saw me. He looked straight at me and appeared real curious. I pulled up slow-fired--and MISSED. Did you ever have that sick feeling? It was a nice spike-horn but he dashed off and I didn't see him again. I sat there, crying to myself over missing a buck and too disgusted to go home when suddenly I heard a noise to my left. You just wont believe this but it was 4:45 PM, just fifteen minutes after missing the shot at the spike-horn and here walking down the trail comes this eight point buck. I wasn't sure at the time, how many points he had but it looked real good to me. This buck walked so slow I began to think it would be dark before he got close enough for a shot. At 4:55 PM he was finally in shooting range, just 35 yards away. I shot with the arrow hitting low but it penetrated the heart. I waited for perhaps five minutes and took off for the car and was telling my hunting partner about my luck when it started to rain. Now I really panicked as I knew I had to go after him right away before the rain washed out the trail. We took off immediately to look for the deer, but actually didn't have to worry as the buck went only a short 30 yards before falling dead.

There is no need to say how I felt because anyone killing a deer with the bow and arrow knows what I mean. And what a nice buck, 150

pounds and eight points. This was my seventh kill with a bow, one behind "Lucky Jim Snowden" but you can't win them all.

Yours,
Chuck Porta
Iron Mountain, Michigan

Dear Friend Mary,

Enclosed is my big game application with the proper information, for my fifth MBH big game award.

This has been a busy year as I have been building a new camp this past summer. My successful hunt was so easy this year I just had to clue you in. My wife and I were at camp the first two days of the season, finishing up the painting and late in the afternoon of the second day I quit and suggested to my wife that we take a ride and perhaps do some hunting in the Ralph area. She was very agreeable to the idea so we locked up camp and took off on a good gravel road where we usually see deer, but on the way in we didn't see a thing. We finally turned around and started back and had only gone a short way when I happened to look down a ravine and there big as life was a nice spire-horn. I drove on a bit further and pulled the car off the side of the road. I got out, took my bow out of the case, and strung it and my wife handed me an arrow. as an afterthought I hold her to give me another, which she did. I then stalked back to the ravine, keeping low. When I reached the point where I had seen the deer, I raised up and he was still standing there, facing me. I drew back --took aim--and released. Just as I did, "Mr. Buck" turned to leave but he gave me a real assist. He fell in about thirty yards but I waited a good half hour before going near him, just to be on the safe side, although it wouldn't have been necessary as I had a good shot getting both the

lungs and liver. I dressed it out--tagged it--and dragged it out to the car. A nice 130 pound spike-horn.

Paint job finished -- deer hunting finished -- and I had time the rest of the week to hunt birds and fish Coho. How is that for a successful year.

Best regards,
Dale McNamee
Iron Mountain, Michigan

The Red Fox

This small animal of woods and farmlands can skillfully elude the hunter and hounds and because of being hunted, has a highly developed brain --earning him the title of sly fox. He is a relative of the dog, coyotte, wolf and jackel, smaller than they but more agile. His muzzle is sharper, his ears larger and he has a longer more bushy tail.

The red fox is not always red in color. Typical color is yellowish-red, darkest on the back and shoulders but may be very bright or very pale; or may have very dark markings on the spine and withers making it a "cross fox"; or it may be all black with white tipped tail; or black with hair tips white, giving it a silver appearance. These are all natural variations of the ordinary red fox.

Foxes are natural burrows and night time hunters; their prey being ground nesting birds and their eggs, rodents of every kind, frogs, lizards, snakes, and insects; plus various fruits and berries.

Fox pups, born in March or April are blind for the first few days and do not venture out of the den till they are three or four weeks old. Fox mate and live together through the entire mating season separating only when the young are big enough to forage for themselves.

In Michigan there is no closed season on fox and public dislike of them prompts many fox hunts and drives to help rid the community of this wily creature and at the same time provides many pleasant hours of recreation.

Fox hunting is more and more becoming a sport with the bowhunters. Most use a fox call to lure the fox in for a close shot. We would like to hear from some of our fox hunters, successful and unsuccessful.

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Earl L. Foerster
506 S. Walnut Howell

ly moving on without becoming suspicious. Unfortunately, they stayed in the shadows where it was too dark to get a shot.

The fourth morning I was in the tree seat before dawn. It was a beautiful day and not cold, so I stayed longer than usual. I'd learned my lesson so I concentrated on moving only when I had to and then very very slowly. Except for one of these large pileated woodpeckers, I hadn't seen a thing; it was so still I could hear an occasional acorn drop quite far off. About nine o'clock I became aware of faint shuffling sounds, though it seemed a long while until I was sure it was some animal doing it. I pivoted to my left ever so slowly and finally

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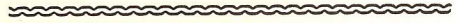
hunting for deer, because you can forget the wind direction, and you need not worry about polluting the air for another hunter nearby. In this flat country one can see what's going on much farther, of course from a tree. While the deer offers a smaller target, from this angle, I believe that one is much more likely to hit a lethal spot than on the level. It's really too bad that elevated stands are not legal in Michigan.

I found a seat (a board lashed cross-wise on a crotch twenty feet off the ground in an open forest glade, which Bob Joyner the game biologist in this district told me about (that's southern hospitality for you), so I decided to try it. At the expense of two possible shots at deer, I found that one must be extremely cautious, for you're so exposed. At a distance deer can catch the slightest movement, but if you remain still, they may walk directly under you without getting your scent. One evening two or three deer came in and pawed around almost directly under me for 15 or 20 minutes, final-

turned my head far enough to see a large tom turkey--then two more. What a thrill! On they came, scratching in the leaves occasionally. Two of them finally settled down for a nap; the other stood behind an oak tree, about thirty yards away, possibly with his head buried in his back feathers.

After five minutes or so when this nearest tom walked into the open, I was ready for him. The arrow skipped off his back, and he took off directly into the air with loud wing beats and uttering sharp alarm notes. The other two birds remained still until they detected me as I strung another arrow. Then they lost no time leaving the scene, flying up through the trees at a 45 degree angle. They were a beautiful sight--big as a barn with brown tipped tails widely fanned out and their iridescence gleaming in the sun.

The chance of a lifetime and I missed it, but it was an experience I'll never forget. It was a fine vacation and I'm looking forward to going back next winter. Wanta join me?



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