



# Yearlings

OHA Junior  
Newsletter  
Spring 2017

FREE POSTER  
AND TARGET  
INSIDE!

## TALKIN' TURKEY!

Oregon kids will set their sights on taking a turkey this spring when the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offers kids a head start with the yearly youth turkey weekend April 8-9.

Oregon will hold its youth turkey hunting weekend right before the regular turkey season opens on April 15. Youth weekend lets kids enjoy some uncrowded hunting in Oregon's great outdoors.

Several chapters of the Oregon Hunters Association will help host a youth turkey clinic on April 1 at the White River Wildlife Area near The Dalles, where kids and their families learn tips for successful turkey hunting.

At the clinic, kids can practice using turkey calls and get a chance to shoot a 20 gauge shotgun at a paper target that looks like a turkey. Lunch is included with the \$10 entry fee. To cap off the event, there is a prize drawing.

The clinic fills up fast every year. To learn more, visit:  
[www.odfwcalendar.com](http://www.odfwcalendar.com)

*Alyssa Dunham  
claimed this turkey  
with a bow last fall in  
Jackson County.*






# OHA offers kids a chance to have a field day!



Kids get to try a bunch of new outdoor skills at OHA youth days around the state, like this shotgun skills event hosted by OHA last year.

Expert coaches and gear will be available to help kids make their marks at events such as the Lincoln County Chapter youth day pictured here.



regon Hunters Association chapters all over Oregon will host field days for kids this spring and summer. Most of the events are free, while some may charge a small amount to cover the costs of putting on the event. OHA's youth field days give kids a chance to test their skills and get a taste of new outdoor activities. Many of OHA's youth days offer food kids love.

The yearly youth turkey clinic where several OHA chapters help out on April 1 leads off the list of OHA youth days. The

clinic will get kids ready for this year's youth turkey hunt weekend April 8-9.

More OHA youth field days will follow later in the spring and summer. OHA's Capitol Chapter will host a youth shotgun skills clinic on July 8.

In September, OHA volunteers will be on hand to help out at youth upland bird hunts all around Oregon. Find out about youth events in your area by logging on to [www.oregonhunters.org](http://www.oregonhunters.org).

OHA's Klamath and Bend chapters host youth bird hunts in October and November.

**April 1: White R. Youth Turkey Clinic, [odfwcalendar.com](http://odfwcalendar.com)**

**April 29: Pioneer Chapter Youth Day, (503) 829-2912**

**May 6: Tioga Chapter Youth Day, Myrtle Point Gun Club, (541) 267-2577**

**May 20: Rogue Valley Chapter YOH Day, Denman Wildlife Area, (541) 944-8914**

**June 3: Bend Chapter Youth & Family Day, (541) 480-7323**

**June 3: Josephine County Youth Day, (541) 846-7437.**

**June 10: E.E. Wilson Youth Day, (541) 745-5334**

**June 17: OHA Klamath Chapter Youth Day, (541) 591-2452**

**June 16-18: Tioga Youth & Family Outdoor Education Camp, (541) 267-2577**

**June 24: Lake County Chapter Youth Day, (541) 219-0614**

**June 24: Tualatin Valley Youth Day, (503) 453-7520**

**July 8: Clatsop County Chapter Youth Day, (503) 359-3535**

**July 8: Capitol Chapter Youth Shotgun Clinic, (541) 996-9984**

**Aug. 5: Lincoln County Youth Day, (541) 991-5017**

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN YOUR FALL BIG GAME HUNT

**N**ow is the time to make plans for your big game hunts this fall. The 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations offer youth hunts for kids only, as well as guaranteed first-time tags in the general big game tag drawing.

Also, Oregon's Mentored Youth Hunter Program allows kids who haven't yet passed Hunter Education to hunt under the close supervision of an adult.

Youth hunts are available for deer, elk, antelope and spring bear.

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2017.

In Oregon's "first-time hunter" program, a hunter under age 18 who is unsuccessful in the controlled hunt drawing for deer or elk tags may reapply for a controlled hunt having a minimum number of tags and be guaranteed a first-time tag. For information about Oregon's "First-time hunter program," see the 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations.

For information about Oregon's awesome Mentored Youth Hunter Program for kids ages 9-13, visit the ODFW web site at [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us).



Bruce Beyer of Mt. Angel tagged this mule deer last fall in a youth hunt in southeast Oregon.

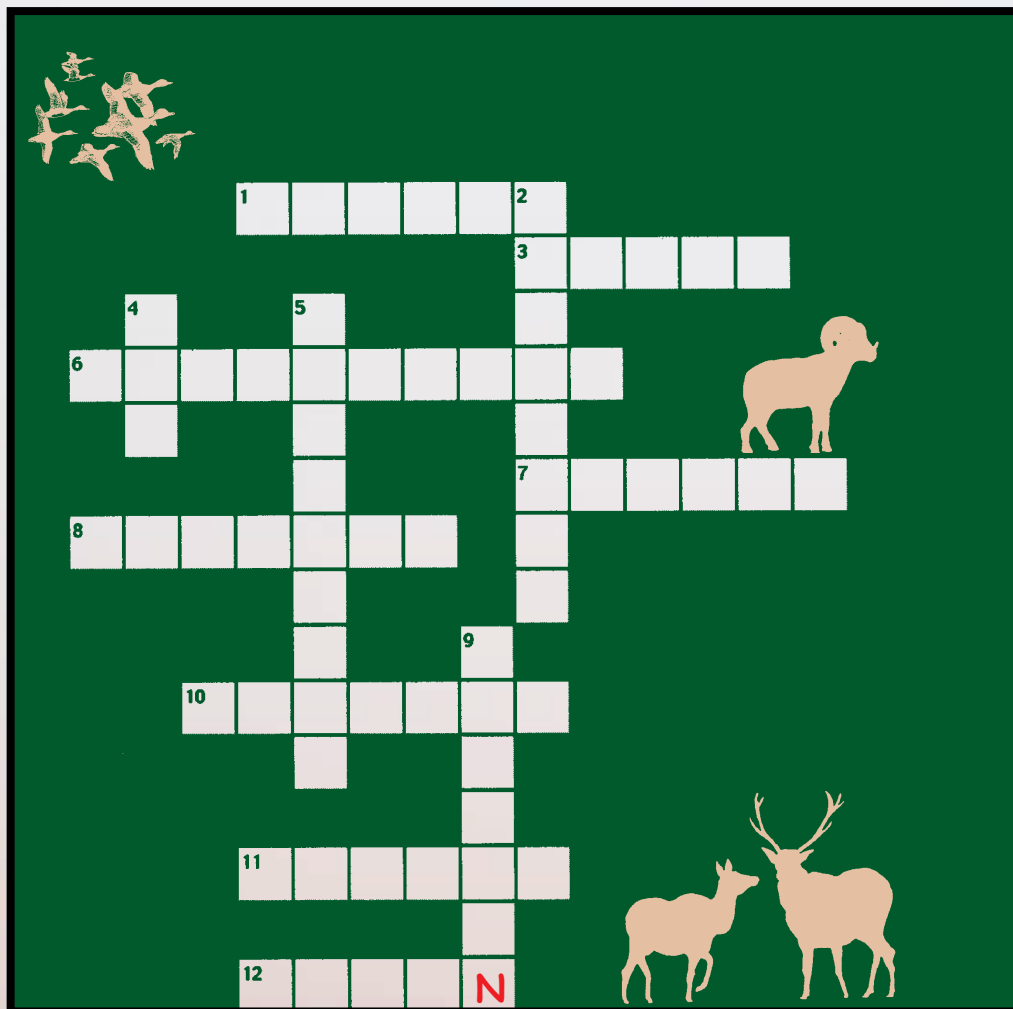




# PUZZLE PAGE



When you finish the crossword puzzle, find your answers in the word hunt below.



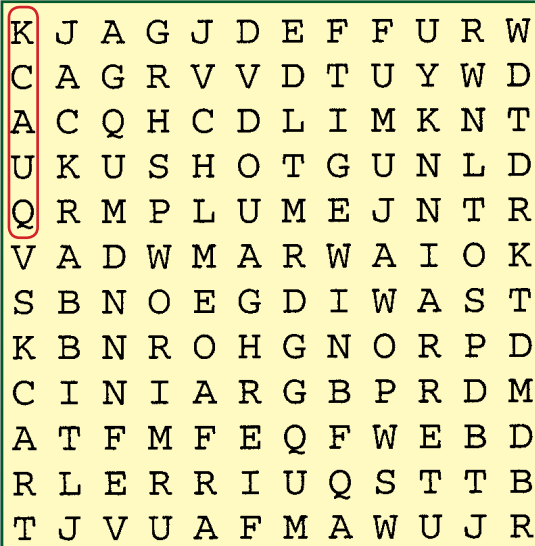
## Across

- Hunters follow these to find game.
- Ducks make this sound.
- A type of rabbit with long ears and legs.
- A type of animal that includes beaver and squirrel.
- The only legal firearm for turkey.
- The T in ATV stands for \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_ grouse are found near streams.
- Geese and ducks like to eat this in fields.

## Do You Know?

- The proper name for a rock chuck?
- What livestock carries disease that kills bighorn sheep?
- Where Roosevelt elk live in Oregon?
- What duck is called a sprig?
- What upland game bird was brought to Oregon from China?

Answers: 1-yellow-bellied marmot;  
2-sheep; 3-western Oregon; 4-pin-tail; 5-pheasant.



## Down

- The western gray \_\_\_\_ is Oregon's smallest game mammal.
- A male bighorn sheep.
- American antelope are called \_\_\_\_.
- A medium-sized duck with a green patch on the side of its head.

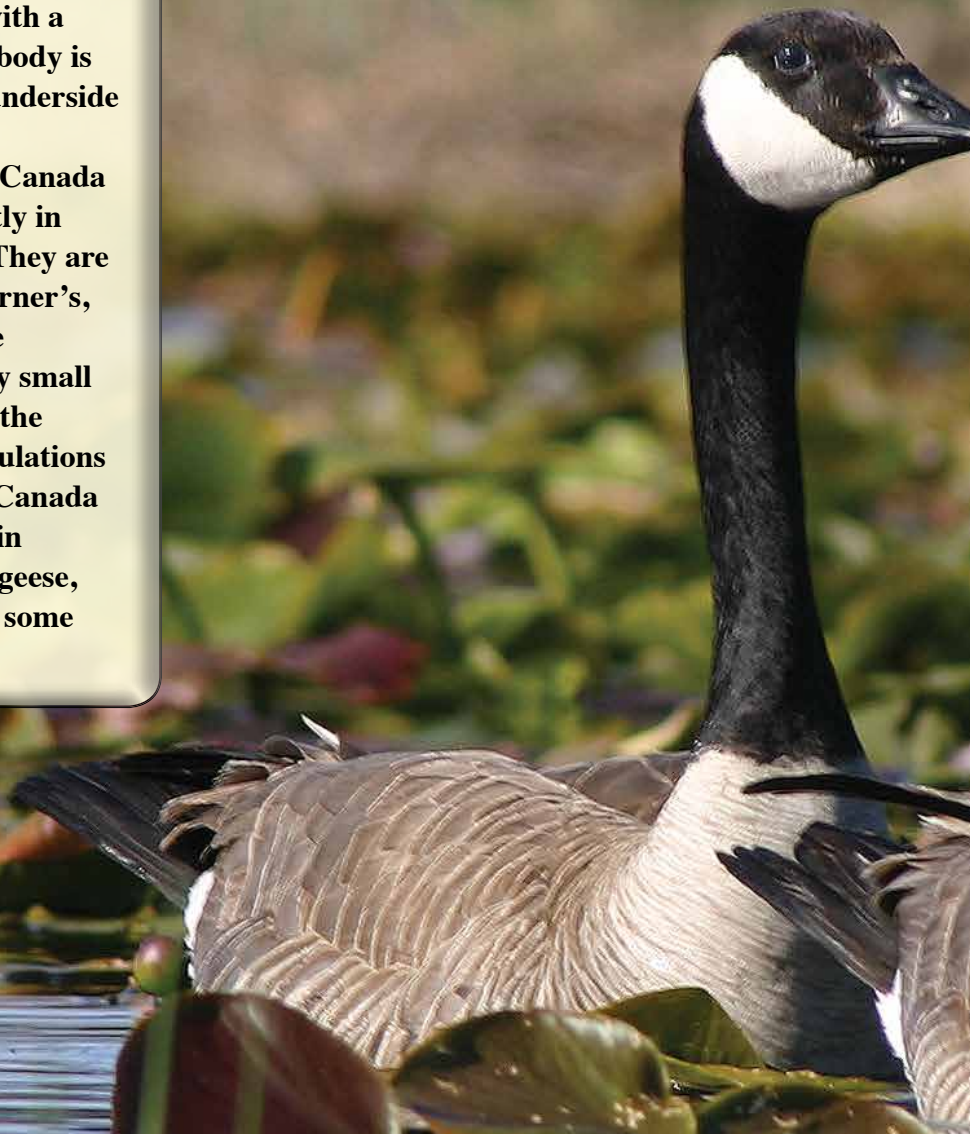


## **WILDLIFE CLOSE-UP**

# **Canada Geese**

The western Canada goose is found all over Oregon all year long. There is a large population of these geese. Watch for them during the summer, because they will probably be in the same area in the fall. They have a black neck and head with a large white cheek patch. The large body is gray-brown with a black tail. The underside is white at the rump.

There are six other subspecies of Canada geese which winter in Oregon, mostly in the northwest portion of the state. They are named cackling, lesser, dusky, Taverner's, Aleutian and Vancouver geese. The dusky Canada goose has a relatively small population, and in order to protect the dusky there are special hunting regulations in northwest Oregon. The western Canada goose is the only subspecies to nest in Oregon, so if you see baby Canada geese, they are westerns, or "honkers," as some folks call them.







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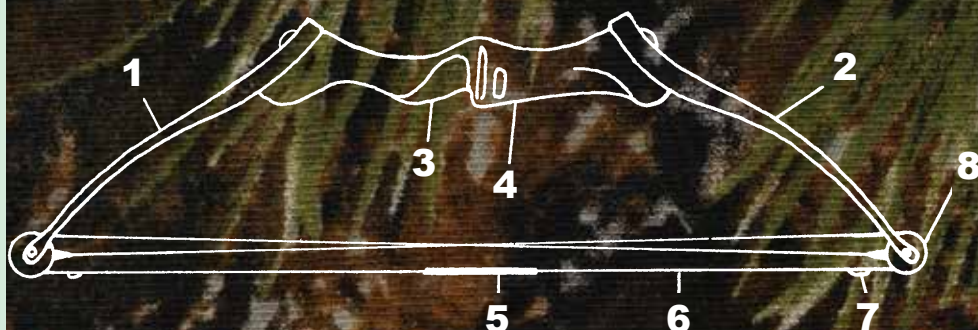


# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ARCHERY?

Find the following parts on this compound bow, and write the names in the right blanks. Then check your answers below.

Cable Anchor  
Eccentric Wheel  
Grip  
Lower Limb

Serving  
String  
Window & Arrow Rest  
Upper Limb



## COMPOUND BOW PARTS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: 1-Lower Limb; 2-Upper Limb; 3-Grip; 4-Window & Arrow Rest; 5-Serving; 6-String; 7-Cable Anchor; 8-Eccentric Wheel.

## Sign up now for Hunter Education!



**T**he time to sign up for Hunter Education courses is not when you want to hunt. Classes fill up fast, and it's very hard to find a class by the fall, so get in now.

Oregon's Hunter Education course is required for all first-time hunters under the age of 18. For information about enrolling in a Hunter Education program, call 503-947-6028, or log on at: [www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter)

## OHA MEMBER PLEDGE

As an OHA member, I pledge to:

- Respect the environment and wildlife;
- Respect property and landowners;
- Improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife;
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation;
- Know and obey the law;
- Hunt safely;
- Show consideration of nonhunters;
- Abide by the rules of fair chase;
- Hunt only with ethical hunters; and
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.



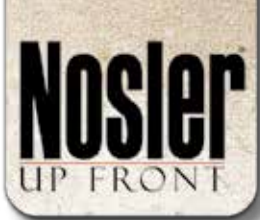
\* Adapted from the Hunter's Pledge of the Izaak Walton League of America



## 10 COMMANDMENTS OF SHOOTING SAFETY

1. Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearm safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
2. Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.
3. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying.
5. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave actions open. Firearms should be cased and unloaded while in a vehicle traveling to and from shooting areas.
6. Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.
7. Never climb or jump with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
8. Never fire a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. With targets, be sure your backstop is adequate.
9. Store guns and ammunition separately in locked spaces out of reach of children and careless adults.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before or during shooting.

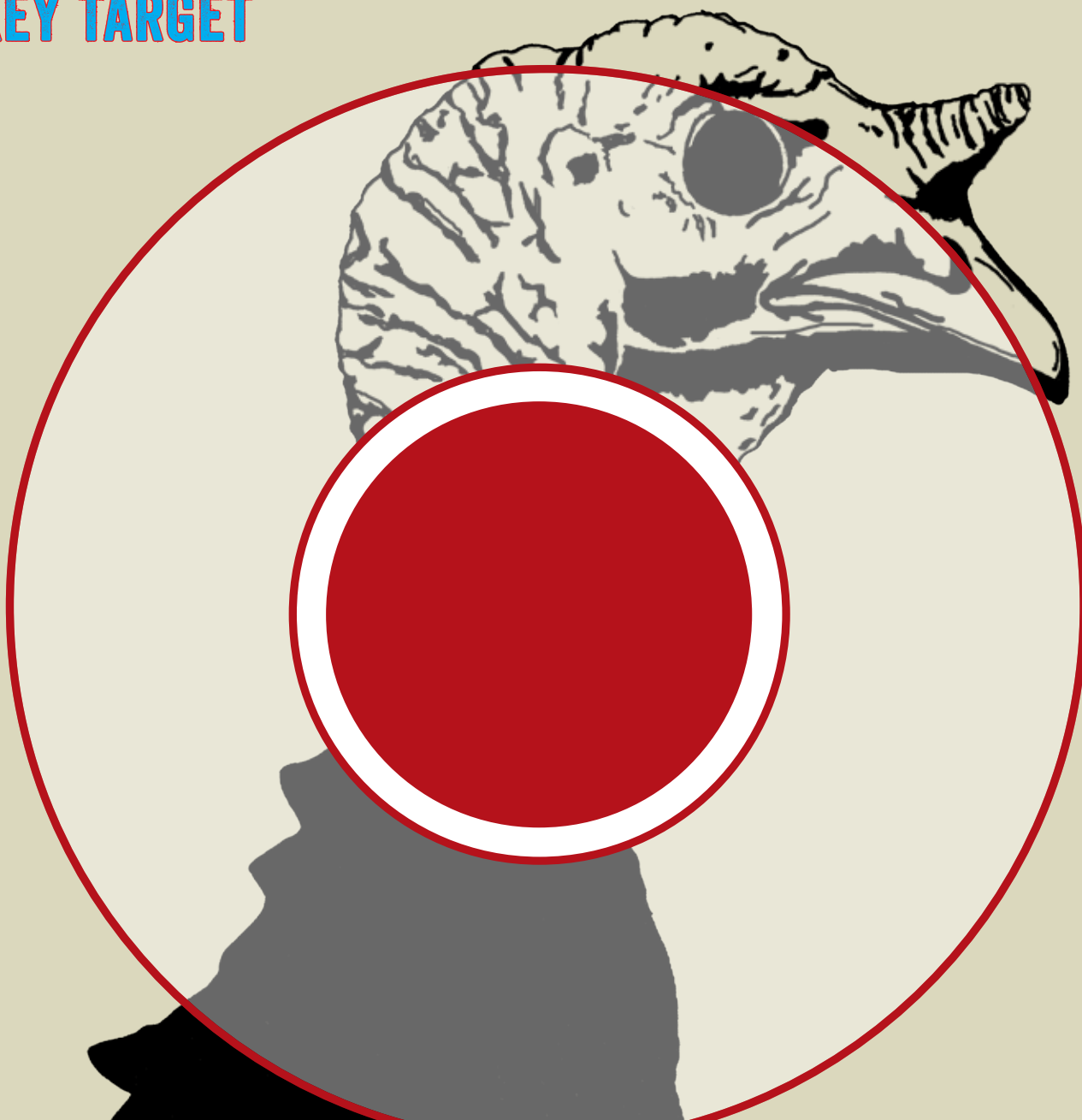




# Passport to the Outdoors



## YOUNG GUNS TURKEY TARGET



Pattern your shotgun, and know the limits of you and your gun. When hunting, shoot only from distances from which you can put several shot pellets in the kill zone.



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## DON'T MISS A THING! JOIN OHA TODAY!

When you join OHA as a Junior Member for just \$10, you'll get everything adult OHA members get – and MUCH MORE!



\* You get 6 issues of OREGON HUNTER magazine.

**Just \$10 for kids!**

\* You get an Oregon Hunters Calendar, with 12 colorful game animal pictures, and all the hunting season dates and deadlines!

\* You get 4 issues of OHA's junior newsletter *Yearlings*.

\* You'll be invited to OHA events where there may even be prizes for kids!

\* You'll get your own OHA decal!



### OHA Jr. Membership Application

I want to be an Oregon Hunters Association Junior Member! Please sign me up, send my Oregon Hunters Calendar and OHA decal, and start my subscriptions to OREGON HUNTER magazine and the OHA junior newsletter *Yearlings*!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOOD SHOTS FROM OREGON'S YOUNG GUNS



Talin Hayden of La Grande took this whitetail in northeast Oregon's Pine Creek Unit last fall.



Callie Sweem took this blacktail last year on opening weekend in the Evans Creek Unit.



Kevin Grant of Tigard bagged these two pheasants last year at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area.