



Yearlings

OHA Junior Newsletter

FALL 2017



Gracelyn Johnson took this pair of pheasants at the Denman Wildlife Area youth bird hunt.



TAKE A BEAD ON A YOUTH BIRD HUNT

Oregon's young guns can set their sights on some great upland bird hunting this fall at youth upland bird hunts around the state. Youth pheasant hunts will be held in Oregon this September, along with shotgun skills clinics at many of the hunts.

The Oregon Hunters Association will be helping out at many of these events, helping with the shotgun clinics, serving food, and taking kids in the field with dogs.

Young hunters must have a Hunter Education card, Harvest Information Program validation and a permit for the area they will hunt. Hunters who are 12 or older also must have an Oregon juvenile hunting license and an upland bird hunting validation.

Kids may take up to two pheasants per day. Youngsters who are hunting must be in the field with an adult who cannot hunt that day, and the adult can't supervise more than one young hunter at a time.

The hunts are very popular, so it's best to reserve your spot online early.

See youth bird hunt dates near you on the next page.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNTS

Location	Hunt Dates
Fern Ridge	Sept. 9-10
C. Oregon (Madras)	Sept. 9-10
Klamath Wildlife Area	Sept. 16-17
Ladd Marsh	Sept. 16-17
Denman Wildlife Area	Sept. 16-17
John Day Area	Sept. 16-17
White River	Sept. 16-17
Sauvie Island	Sept. 16-17
E.E. Wilson	Sept. 23-24
Irrigon Wildlife Area	Sept. 23-24
Baker City	Sept. 23-24
Klamath Wildlife Area	Oct. 21

To make your reservations, visit <https://or.outdoorcentral.us/or/license>



Nathan and Jacob Pfaff bagged these birds at Fern Ridge.

OHA OFFERS CHUKAR HUNT FOR KIDS

The Klamath Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association and ODFW will offer a youth chukar hunt in the Lower Klamath Hills Regulated Hunt Area on Oct. 7-8. The bag limit is two chukar. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult age 21 years or older. The adult will be asked to refrain from hunting and will be required to wear hunter orange. The youth mentor program will apply to this hunt since it is within the general season dates for chukar. Youth hunters will be required to wear hunter orange and safety glasses. Hunting is available by reservation. Please reserve a hunt day by calling Rick Vieira, Klamath Chapter OHA, at 541-591-2452 prior to the hunt. The number of participants for this youth hunt will be limited.



Tyler Dunganon

Many kids bag their first chukars during the OHA youth hunt.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTS ARE YOUR BEST SHOT!



No crowding by adults makes youth waterfowl hunts a hit with kids.

Ryan Van Dyke took this Eurasian wigeon in Washington County.

Young Oregon hunters will get to hunt certain state wildlife areas this season without crowding by adult hunters. Some state wildlife areas have reserved dates and places just for hunters 17 and under to hunt this fall.

An adult over 21 must accompany the youth, and the adult may not hunt. Hunters over 14 need a state waterfowl stamp and hunting license, while those over 16 also need a federal waterfowl stamp. Registration is required. See the game bird regulations.

Statewide youth waterfowl hunt for kids under 18 is Sept. 23-24.

2017-18 YOUTH-ONLY HUNTS:

Fern Ridge: Nov. 25 and Dec. 23.

Klamath Wildlife Area: Oct. 21.

Sauvie Island: Oct. 22, Nov. 11, Dec. 3, Dec. 26, and Jan. 15, 2018.

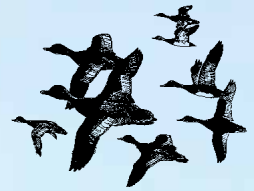
Umatilla NWR: Nov. 11.

Tualatin NWR – Oct. 29, Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Nov. 25, Dec. 10, Dec. 16, Dec. 24







PUZZLE PAGE



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

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Across

1. What color are a mountain goat's horns?
3. This black colored bird is the most under-hunted gamebird. Now there are seasons to hunt it. Corn is one of its favorite foods.
5. Once game is spotted, sneaking close enough for a shot is called _____.
6. Legal number of animals of each species to take in a day or season.
7. This type of dove is able to fly up to 60 miles per hour. It eats grains; millet is its favorite.
8. An early sign of hypothermia.
10. A favorite food of turkeys, other birds, and even spiders.
11. Inside part of the barrel on a firearm.

Down

1. A large size of shot (can be used for deer).
2. Other name for cougar (also a shoe brand).
4. Remove the entrails of a game animal.
9. Male pheasant.

Wildlife close-up answer:
These are Eurasian collared doves.

Do You Know?

1. What animal is also known as a catamount?
2. What a male bear is called?
3. What two kinds of deer live in northeast Oregon?
4. Where moose live in Oregon?
5. What upland game bird was brought to Oregon from India?
6. What a young gobbler is called?

Answers: 1-cougar; 2-boar; 3-mule deer & whitetail; 4-north-east Oregon; 5-chukar; 6-fake.

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WILDLIFE CLOSE-UP

Doves

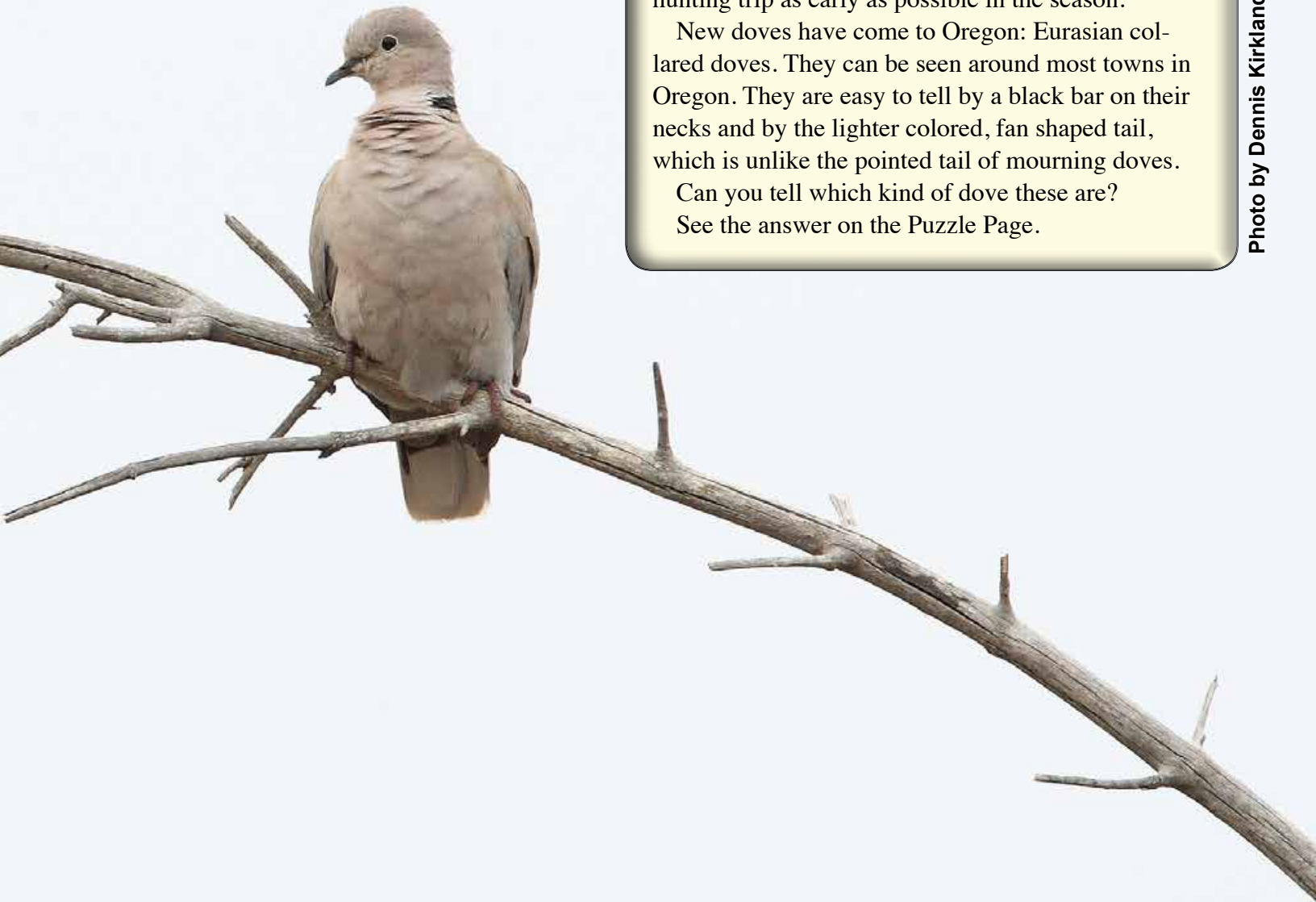
Doves are often found in roost trees and brushy areas near water, especially along the major Oregon rivers (the Columbia, Deschutes, Snake and Willamette). They are most common near farm lands, but large numbers can also be found in sagebrush areas around water.

Mourning doves are native to Oregon and are commonly seen during the spring and summer months. They are gray and tan with a few dark spots on their sides. Most migrate south at the first sign of frost or stormy weather, so it is wise to plan your hunting trip as early as possible in the season.

New doves have come to Oregon: Eurasian collared doves. They can be seen around most towns in Oregon. They are easy to tell by a black bar on their necks and by the lighter colored, fan shaped tail, which is unlike the pointed tail of mourning doves.

Can you tell which kind of dove these are?

See the answer on the Puzzle Page.



OHA HELPS OREGON KIDS HAVE A FIELD DAY!



Young people got to try different outdoor skills at OHA youth events like this one in Lincoln County.

The Oregon Hunters Association held special youth field days for kids all around the state this spring and early summer.

OHA's youth days give kids a chance to test their shooting and outdoor skills, and there's usually yummy food!

OHA's first youth event of the year was the OHA youth turkey clinic in April. More field days were held in May, June and July.

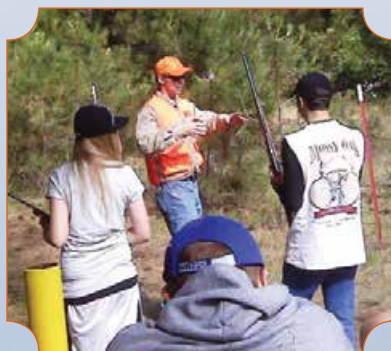
There were more big events in the summer, including the OHA Capitol Chapter's annual youth shotgun skills clinic held on July 8.

Some of the events were free, while others charged a small amount to cover the costs of putting on the events.

In September, OHA will be involved in youth bird hunts around the state. (See the schedule on Page 2.) You can stay up to date on youth events in your area by logging on to www.oregonhunters.org

Last call for Hunter Education!

If you haven't passed Hunter Education yet and you plan to hunt with your own licenses and tags this fall, you need to get in a class now! Oregon's Hunter Education course is required for all first-time hunters under the age of 18. It's hard to find a class by fall, so don't wait! For information about enrolling in a Hunter Education program, call 503-947-6028, extension 6015, or log on at: www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter



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.

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



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* 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*!

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Good shots from Oregon's Young Guns



OHA member Bradley Rieger tagged this blacktail buck, taken with a rifle last fall in the Trask Unit on the coast.



OHA member Landon Newbury shows off the turkey his dad took on a trip they made together this year.



A young hunter takes aim during last year's OHA Bend youth pheasant hunt. This year's hunt is Nov. 18. Call 541-388-7337.