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WILDLIFE POSTER
AND TARGET INSIDE!

Turkey Time!

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 5.

Oregon will hold its youth turkey hunting weekend April 12-13 right before the regular turkey season opens on April 15. Youth weekend lets kids enjoy some uncrowded hunting in Oregon's great outdoors. An adult who does not hunt must accompany the youth hunter on the youth weekend.

While adult turkey tags cost \$26.50, turkey tags for kids are only \$10.50, thanks to a proposal from the Oregon Hunters Association several years ago.

OHA member Baylee Perdue took this turkey on a mentored youth hunt last season in southern Oregon.



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 event hosted by the OHA Josephine County Chapter.

Oregon Hunters Association chapters all over Oregon plan to 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.

A pair of youth turkey clinics kick off the youth events this year, and a couple of

shotgun clinics will wrap it up in August before fall hunting seasons.

OHA's Ochoco Chapter is holding a new youth event in August, supported in part by a gift from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

In September, OHA volunteers will be on hand to help out at youth upland bird hunts all around Oregon.

You can find out about youth events in your area by visiting OHA's website: www.oregonhunters.org. Click on Events.

OHA Youth Events

April 5:

YOUTH TURKEY CLINICS:
White River Wildlife Area,
503-358-7821;
Denman Wildlife Area,
541-857-2407

April 26:

Pioneer Chapter Youth Day,
503-936-4718

May 3:

Tioga Chapter Youth Day,
541-294-7912

May 17:

Tillamook Chapter Youth Trap
Shoot, 503-842-7153

May 31:

Bend Chapter Youth Day,
541-480-7323

June 7:

Josephine County Chapter
Youth Day, 541-218-2836

June 7:

Tualatin Valley Chapter
Youth Event, 503-701-2852

June 28:

Lake County Chapter
Youth Event, 541-417-0042

August 16:

Yamhill County Chapter Youth
Clay Shoot, 503-737-9483

August 23-24:

NEW Ochoco Chapter Youth
Event, 541-408-4816

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN YOUR FALL BIG GAME HUNT

Now is the time to make plans for your big game hunts this fall. The 2025 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, and antelope.

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2025.

In Oregon's "first-time hunter" program, which OHA proposed, 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 2025 Oregon Big Game Regulations.

For information about Oregon's awesome Mentored Youth Hunter Program for kids ages 9-15, visit the ODFW web site at myodfw.com



Lucas Schnider tagged this pronghorn antelope. Apply for antelope hunts and others by May 15.



PUZZLE PAGE



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

OUTDOOR FUND

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____ N

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.

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.

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-pintail; 5-pheasant.

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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.

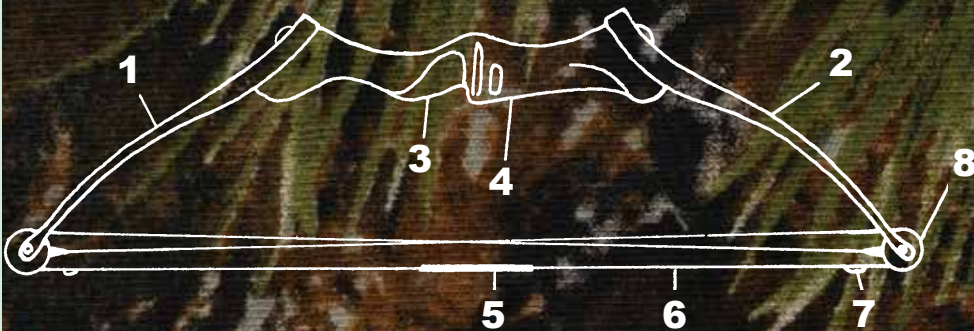
There are six other subspecies of Canada geese which winter in Oregon, mostly in the northwest portion of the state. They are named cackling, lesser, dusky, Taverner's, Aleutian and Vancouver geese. The dusky Canada goose has a relatively small population, and in order to protect the dusky there are 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.

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 for now for Hunter Education!



The 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, visit myODFW.com



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.

O.H.A. 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.



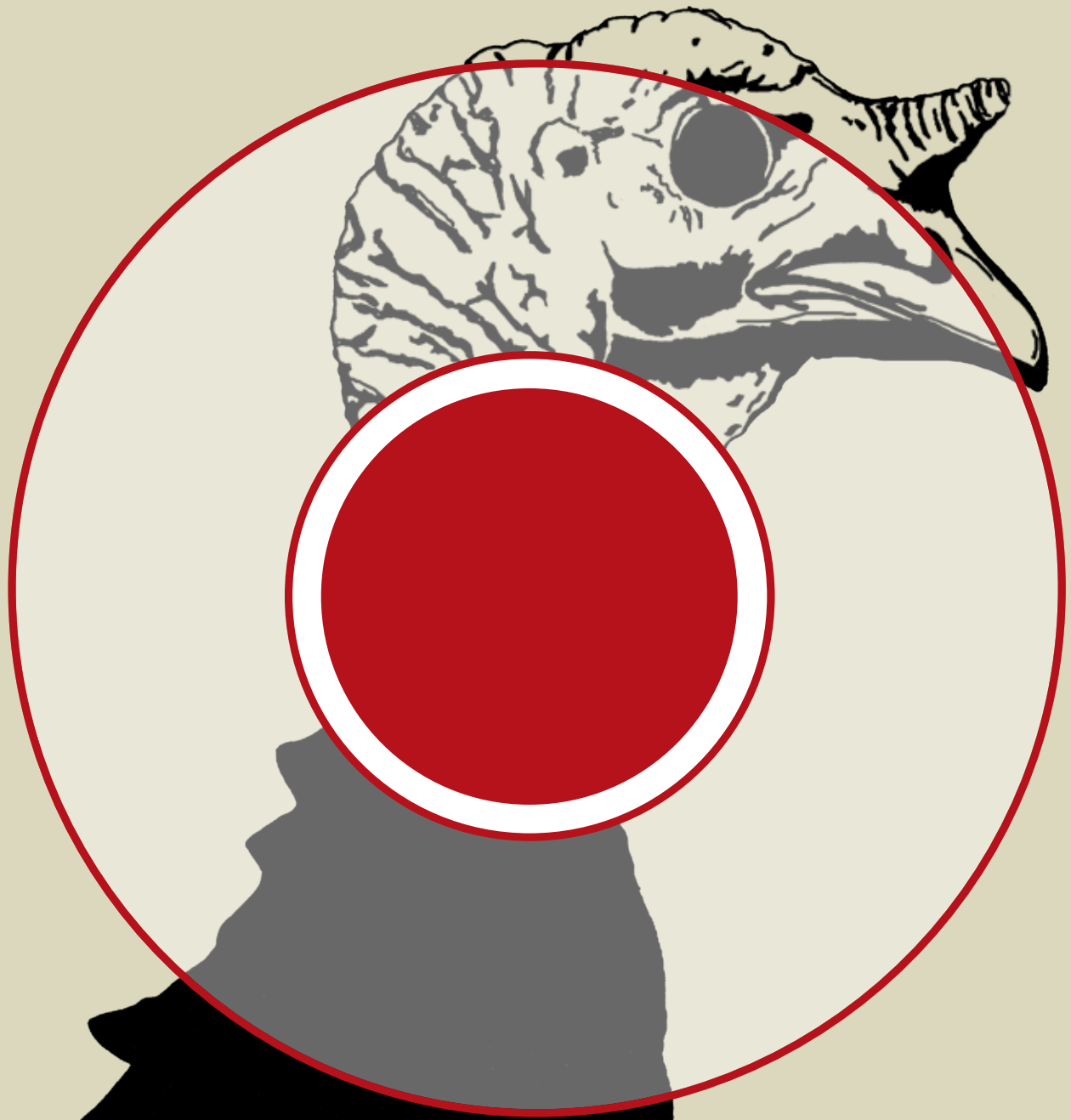
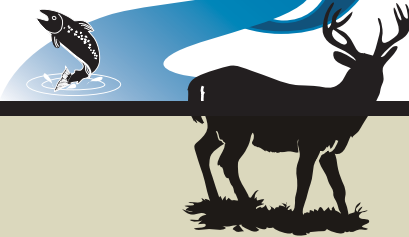
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* You get 6 issues of OREGON HUNTER magazine.

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 membership decal!



OHA Jr. Membership Application

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (____) _____

Please enclose one-year dues of \$10

Payment enclosed (check or money order)

Bill my parent's: Visa / MC / Amex / Discover

Card #: _____

Expiration date: _____ CVV2# on back: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Return to:

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GOOD SHOTS FROM OREGON'S YOUNG GUNS



Kody Humphrys, 14, of Toledo tagged this mule deer last year in Oregon's Columbia Basin.



Blake Jackson took this elk with a Ruger .30-06 rifle last fall in northeast Oregon's Starkey Unit.



Logan Feutz of Forest Grove claimed this buck with his grandfather's rifle in Oregon's Scappoose Unit.