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ANTELOPE, ELK, & MOOSE SETUPS



▶ PRIMETIME ON THE PRAIRIE

WHEN: PEAK RUT

WHERE: WESTERN PRAIRIES

THE GEAR: BOW, LIGHTWEIGHT CAMO, GREAT BINOS, RANGEFINDER, EICHLER ANTELOPE DECOY

HOW: Hunting the pronghorn rut can be one of the most action-packed adventures a bowhunter will experience. Being that the archery season typically coincides with the rut, this is a great time to employ a buck decoy to infuriate aggressive males that are chasing intruders all over the prairie.

While the dominant buck is busy dealing with his lesser counterpart, try to set up along his line of sight and the route he'll use when he returns to his does with the wind in your favor.

Stake an **EICHLER ANTELOPE DECOY** in the ground using the attached Quickstand, nock an arrow, and get ready. When that buck returns and sees yet another intruder near his harem, you can almost guarantee that he's coming to kick some butt.

PRO TIP: PRONGHORN STALK

THE KEY IS TO KEEP YOUR EXCITEMENT UNDER CONTROL. ONCE HE COMMITS, YOU WON'T HAVE TO HOLD LONG BEFORE HE GETS WITHIN RANGE, BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO PICK THE RIGHT PLACE TO MAKE AND EXECUTE A GOOD SHOT.

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FUN FACT:

Pronghorn are the second fastest land animal on the planet, reaching top speeds of 60 mph. Only cheetahs are faster.

▶ HUNTS SOLO

WHEN: SEPTEMBER RUT

WHERE: ROCKY MOUNTAINS

GEAR: BOW, GREAT BOOTS, TREKKING POLES, LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING GEAR, KNIFE W/ INTERCHANGEABLE BLADES, BACK COUNTRY ELK DECOY

HOW: The solo backcountry elk hunter is a minimalist. Often, he carries his camp on his back and hikes so far from the parking lot that he's able to pitch a tent and hunt the surrounding area for days without seeing anybody. His entire setup must be light in order to make those long treks.

During the rut, elk are very vocal. In fact, bull elk are much like springtime tom turkeys in that they can pinpoint sound. Once you've located a bull, position yourself in the timber and set up the **BACK COUNTRY ELK DECOY**.

When you're sure he's coming and from which direction he'll approach, move to an ambush point away from the decoy and nock an arrow. The decoy itself will keep his focus and its "walking away" appearance will pull the elk closer while you draw.

PRO TIP: SEPTEMBER ELK RUT

PACK A KNIFE WITH INTERCHANGEABLE BLADES FOR AN ELK'S TOUGH HIDE WILL DULL BLADES QUICKLY. WHEN A BULL IS DOWN, THE CAPABILITY OF YOUR KNIFE IS ONE LESS THING YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT.

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FUN FACT:

In prehistoric times, elk had tusks, now known as "ivories," which are about an inch long. For centuries, Native Americans wore them to represent social status as well as to grant bravery for warriors and the power of fertility for women.



► ROOSEVELT'S WAPITI

WHEN: SEPTEMBER RUT

WHERE: PACIFIC NORTHWEST

GEAR: BOW, RANGEFINDER, RAIN SUIT, GREAT BOOTS, EICHLER ELK

HOW: Planning a Roosevelt elk hunt relies heavily on strategy. The Roosevelt elk favors a disposition you'll see in whitetail deer. They are far less nomadic than their Rocky Mountain cousins and will follow somewhat of a pattern until hunting pressure drives them elsewhere, just like a whitetail.

Prior to the season, go scout. Locate areas with fresh sign and create ambush spots. Plan on hunting those areas when you return, knowing that you may need to move if hunting pressure becomes high.

During the rut, if you hear a bull thrashing a tree, get aggressive by heading toward him using **EICHLER ELK** as cover. When the bull stops, you stop. If he sees the decoy, he's going to assume it's a cow moving closer to see what all the racket is about.

PRO TIP: ROOSEVELT SEP. RUT

ROOSEVELT ELK HAVE THE BIGGEST BODIES OF THE FOUR SUBSPECIES, SOMETIMES MAKING THEM LOOK CLOSER THAN THEY REALLY ARE, SO BE SURE TO HAVE A RANGEFINDER HANDY.

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FUN FACT:

The Roosevelt elk was named after Theodore Roosevelt by C. Hart Merriam, the first chief of the Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy of the United States Department of Agriculture, for whom the Merriam's turkey is named after.



► MOOSE TRACKS

WHEN: EARLY FALL

WHERE: ALASKAN YUKON

GEAR: MUZZLELOADER, CAMPING GEAR, CAMP KITCHEN, RAIN GEAR, TREKKING POLES, BACKPACK/MEAT SHELF, KNIFE & EXTRA BLADES, TRACT BINOS & SPOTTING SCOPE, MOOSE II DECOY

HOW: For many of us, hunting moose is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Preparation is paramount. That's everything from conditioning your lungs and legs to pushing the limits of your firearm and even your personal comfort.

If you're flown into a drop camp, chances are you'll hunt within a two-mile radius of camp. Go to the highest point each morning at daylight to call and glass. Whether you get a response from a bull or spot a shooter, circle downwind and begin your stalk.

Use **MOOSE II**, which goes from a 20-inch disk to a 66-inch tall decoy in a flash, to shield your approach. Once you're in shooting range, ease up over the decoy or out to the side. Find solid footing for your shooting sticks, take steady aim, and squeeze the trigger. Even if it's a solid hit, give the bull plenty of time. Once he's down and out, get ready to work!

PRO TIP: FALL MOOSE HUNT

SEEK UNITS ALONG RIVERS AND AROUND LAKES. DENSE STANDS OF ASPEN, WILLOW, AND BIRCH SHRUBS ARE WHERE YOU'LL LIKELY FIND THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF MOOSE.



FUN FACT:

Antlers are the fastest growing tissue on earth. A mature moose with a healthy diet can add a pound of antler per day throughout the summer season.

► CUSTOM BIG GAME DECOYS

► **WHEN TO ORDER: AT LEAST A MONTH PRIOR TO THE HUNT.**

► **HOW MUCH: VARIES**

HOW: If you plan on hunting a unique or exotic animal, we can make you a custom decoy. The steps are simple:

- Drop us an email (sales@montanadecoy.com)
- Put "Custom Decoy" in the subject line
- Include the species you'd like built, as well as the size, pose, and any other details
- If you have it, send us an HD photograph of the animal
- We print, cut, and build the decoy
- The decoy is shipped to you
- Let the hunt begin

PRO TIP: CUSTOM DECOYS

GIVE US AT LEAST ONE MONTH TO GET YOUR DECOY BUILT. PROVIDE AS MANY DETAILS AS YOU CAN TO HELP US CREATE THE BEST CUSTOM DECOY POSSIBLE.



FUN FACT:

We are the only decoy manufacturer that will build you a custom decoy for your once-in-a-lifetime hunt. From buffalo to mountain lions, ocellated turkeys to sika deer, or even a donkey stalking shield, we've got you covered.

► BIG GAME DECOYS



EICHLER ANTELOPE

Eichler Antelope was built for the pronghorn hunter who enjoys chasing these plains game with a bow. So when renowned bowhunter Fred Eichler came to us with a design idea, including adding a see-through mesh window and stalking handle, we got to work. The included Quickstand allows you to stake decoys into the ground with one foot, while the cable toe-loop makes removing the decoy from the ground virtually effortless.

\$139.99 [BUY NOW](#)

Weight (Including Leg Poles): 48.5 ounces ; no Leg Poles: 31 oz

Unfolded Dimensions: 39" x 37"

Folded Dimensions: 18" x 10"



BACK COUNTRY ELK DECOY

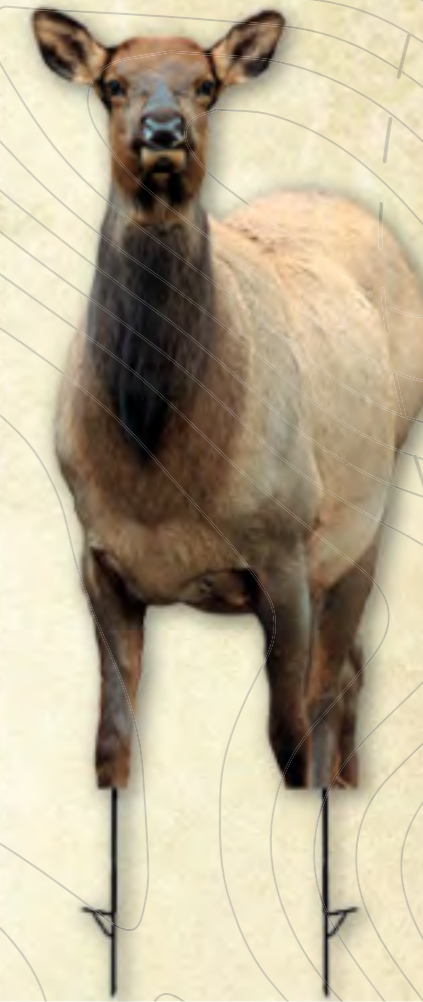
The Back Country Elk Decoy is built for bowhunters looking to leave roads, trails, and other hunters behind. Designed to be used with the included lightweight aluminum leg pole or by simply sliding it on your trekking pole to save even more weight, this is truly a minimalist's decoy. The ability to fold it down to a tiny 9" x 9" circle that you can shove in a thigh pocket or even behind arrows in your bow quiver makes carrying this decoy a non-issue. The Back Country Elk may be the best hunting partner you've ever had.

\$109.99 [BUY NOW](#)

Weight: 8.5 ounces

Unfolded Dimensions: 21" x 43"

Folded Dimensions: 9" x 9"



EICHLER ELK DECOY

The Eichler Elk Decoy, designed by Fred Eichler himself, is the most portable full-bodied elk decoy you can carry in your pack. Not content to get by on looks alone, the Eichler Elk Decoy sets up quickly in any terrain using poles or the string-and-clip hanging system. The head-on cow elk pose pulls that bull in close, while the realism of the decoy keeps him occupied as you draw and shoot.

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Weight: 40 ounces (including poles, strings, and clips)

Unfolded Dimensions: 47" x 30"

Folded Dimensions: 19" x 12"

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MOOSE II DECOY

The Moose II weighs a mere 48 ounces with leg poles, and stands 66-inches tall. Folding to a 20-inch circle means you can easily pack it on any hunt. You may only have one chance to hunt moose in your life, might as well give yourself an edge.

\$119.99 [BUY NOW](#)

Weight: 48 ounces (including poles)

Unfolded Dimensions: 59" x 40"

Folded Dimensions: 23" x 13"



QUICKSTAND

Set up decoys quickly, easily, and with less hassle using the QuickStand. The large platform allows hunters to stake decoys into the ground with one foot, then easily remove it with the cable toe-loop. For the spot-and-stalk hunter, the Quickstand will allow holding the decoy in one hand while calling or using a rangefinder with the other.

\$32.99 [BUY NOW](#)



BIG GAME DECOY REPLACEMENT STAKES

Decoy Stakes, Leg Poles, whatever you choose to call them, sometimes they get lost. Order another set for your decoy and get back in the field.

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