

Dateline: Maine

Do-it-Yourself Grouse Hunting

- A true wilderness hunt
- Lots of grouse
- **Accommodations:** Local motels
- **Food:** Local coffee shops and restaurants
- **Hunt:** Moderate to difficult

Maine's fabled North Woods, specifically the area **north of Moosehead Lake** in Piscataquis and Somerset counties, offers superb grouse hunting in wilderness conditions with room to hunt and some of the highest bag limits in the U.S. Lightly populated and marked by seemingly endless stands of spruce, fir and maples, this area is ideal for on-your-own hunting for two very good reasons: myriad logging roads that provide easy access and, thanks to the frenzied logging activity that took place in the 1970s

and early 1980s, thousands of acres of early successional growth forest. Locals fret about the loss of trees and say the place has been "stripped," but to a grouse



hunter's eye the scene is perfect. Endless acres of low growth, clear-cuts and edge cover mean grouse galore, and that's what you'll find here in October.

The best approach is to set up a base in **Greenville** at one of several local motels. Restaurants, cafes, markets and bars line the streets of this former logging center (the Boom Chain Restaurant on the lake is just one such enterprise retaining the flavor of the 1800s logging era). Sunday hunting is not allowed in Maine, so if a trip includes a weekend, spend Sunday browsing the shops and sights of this once-prosperous old-time logging hub.

Once you leave town, however, be forewarned that there are no more gas stations, stores or motels available. This is rugged, wild country. Hunters should be sure to fill their gas tanks in Greenville, purchase food, water and other necessary supplies and be well equipped to spend a full day away from the basic amenities. If you have a breakdown, most locals will stop to help, but it may be a while before anyone comes by.

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Dateline: Bolivia

Mid-Continental Dove Hotspot

- Fast, high flying birds
- Hunt prior to checking into rooms
- **Accommodations:** Small modern lodge
- **Food:** Local and American
- **Hunt:** Easy

Alberto Lleras has been catering to traveling shotgunners most all his life and, turning from Columbia, began taking clients to Bolivia a number of years ago.

He found the shooting to be so good there that he built **Las Cortinas Lodge** at the northernmost end of the Gran Chaco region, pretty much right in the

central part of South America.

Not many years ago in this vast region the Mennonites moved in, cleared the land, and started raising crops. They have been very successful with this venture. The growing season is long, and some small grain matures there from about April through September, which is the same time period the hunters' targets, eared doves, migrate to the area.

Interestingly, the Bolivian government had the good sense to require **wide fencerows between every field**. These aren't step-across fencerows either. The requirement is that they be about 30 yards wide. Further, there's never any harvest allowed of the trees in the

fencerows. Right now many of those trees are nearly 100 feet tall, and the fields themselves are relatively narrow.

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Another benefit to visiting hunters is that **access to all lands in Maine is considered to be open** unless a property is posted against trespassing. Therefore, if you see it, you may hunt it. Most of the remote woodlands in the Greenville area are owned by paper companies, and you might be charged a day-use fee, depending on where you go, but access is assured over most of the region. It's sensible to avoid active logging operations or areas where workers are repairing roads or bridges. No matter, for there's plenty of room to roam and plenty of birds to hunt.

To get there from Boston, Portland or Portsmouth, take Interstate Route 95 north to Exit 39 in Newport (the last good place to stop for food, ammo, supplies and licenses). Continue east on Route 7 to Route 6, and continue north through Dover-Foxcroft, Guilford, Abbot Village, Monson and on into Greenville.

Moosehead Lake is the center of operations here and supports an array of sport-related businesses. East of the lake is the famed Golden Road, still used for log transport (the trucks have the right of way). There are many trails and roads branching off that lead to great grouse hunting all season. Hunters should park well off the road to avoid problems with log haulers. Do not block intersections or curves because you're likely to find most of your vehicle in pieces in the woods.

The west side of the lake, along Route 6 and on up to Pittston Farm, leads into Somerset County and the Ironbound Mountain and Green Mountain areas. Endless trails and roads lead into these areas as well, providing more good grouse hunting. Note, however, that away from the trails the terrain gets thicker and nastier.

I have hunted this area with setters, Labs and even beagles, and the grouse hunting is nothing short of phenomenal. Expect 20 or more flushes in a morning, and watch for woodcock, too, especially when the flight is on.

In early fall, grouse will commonly be found in open logging trails and roads as they peck for gizzard gravel. When a grouse is spotted, cut into the woods and hunt toward the bird – most grouse will head for thick cover when they are pursued, providing good shooting in the bordering cover.

Maine's October weather can vary from balmy Indian summer conditions to cold and (occasionally) snow. Maine's average first frost date is Sept. 1, so be prepared with layers of light clothing that may be adjusted as the temperature rises or falls. In general, expect cool mornings and evenings, with warmer temperatures during the day.

Leaf cover will likely be thick and colorful, great for photos. However, hitting a grouse amid all that confetti can be a challenge. Shooting opportunities will be close and fast, so a light-weight shotgun with an open choke with No. 7 1/2 or No. 8 shot will suffice.

Maine's ruffed grouse season runs from Oct 1. through Dec. 31. Hunters must possess a small game hunting license (\$58 for non-residents). The daily bag limit is four birds. For more info: **Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, www.state.me.us.ifw.**

—Steve Carpenteri



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Bolivia ... (from page 1)

Consequently, when the doves come winging over those tall trees they not only appear all at once but also come in fast and high. The result is some **very challenging shooting**, exactly what many traveling wingshooters are looking for. The numbers of doves here are as great as anywhere hunters shoot in South America.

After an early morning arrival and clearance of customs in **Santa Cruz**, hunters are driven to a very small airport for their charter flight to the lodge. Flights are generally in Cessna 210s, as many as needed for each group. For these flights, hunters dress in their hunting gear and transport their shotguns in soft cases. The rest of the luggage travels by car. After the afternoon's hunt, the luggage awaits the shooters upon their return to the lodge.

Clients then enjoy 2 1/2 more days of shooting before an afternoon charter flight takes them back to Santa Cruz where

they **overnight in an excellent hotel**. The next day: a return flight to Miami.

The drives to the hunting spots are



brief, as the lodge is situated right in the center of those Mennonite family farms. Since the shooting areas are so near, hunters always return to the lodge for lunch. Breakfast, lunch and dinner — all top-notch meals — are served in the lodge's dining room. The guest rooms surround

the dining area, so the walk to the diner table might be ten feet — very convenient.

Prior to leaving for their trips, hunters should have submitted gun information to the lodge's agent so they encounter no problems at Bolivian customs. Groups of six or more can have Las Cortinas Lodge all to themselves.

One slight bonus of a hunt in Bolivia is shorter flights from Miami — about six hours to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, as opposed to about nine hours to Santiago, Chile (the stopping off point for flights to Cordoba, Argentina), or to Buenos Aires in Argentina, or Montevideo, Uruguay.

For booking info: **Frontiers International Travel, P.O. Box 959, Wexford, PA 15090; 800-245-1950; info@frontierstravel.com; www.frontierstravel.com.**

—Nick Sisley

Do-It-Yourself Fall Turkey Bonanza

- Abundant bird population requires hunting season
- Non-resident permits: first-come, first-served
- **Accommodations:** Camping, motel, B & B
- **Food:** Local restaurants or bring your own
- **Hunt:** Easy to moderate

Southwest Oregon holds more turkeys than any other corner of the state, so many that the state has instituted a fall season to keep populations in check. Lots of edge habitat with mixed oaks, madrones and bottomlands along creeks and rivers keep these turkeys (Rio Grande transplants) happy.

Most Oregon hunters overlook the fall hunt because the bag limit is reduced and calling isn't as effective as in the spring, but there are guides and outfitters who book fall turkey hunts between deer and elk seasons.

Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Douglas, Lane, Benton, Polk, Marion

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and Linn counties constitute the open area for this hunt, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 31.

The area around Roseburg, in Douglas County, produces between 45 and 50 percent of Oregon's turkey harvest each year. The nearest airports are in Eugene and Medford.

In Douglas County, most hunters base their operations out of one of several national chain motels in Roseburg. Private and public campgrounds can be found along the **North Umpqua River**, the **South Umpqua River** and the main-stream **Umpqua River**.

To find public land opportunities, consult **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** or **U.S. Forest Service** maps and look for pockets of public land off the main roads but adjacent to agricultural land and oak forests. Also, most of the larger timber companies allow hunter access. Some of it is limited to foot or bicycle traffic only.

Turkeys can be found near Loon Lake in the Elliott State Forest and up Little Mill Creek. Take Highway 38 west past Scottsburg, then head south along Mill Creek.

To hunt the Tiller area, follow Route 227 east from Canyonville at I-5.

Pay the most attention to the river bottoms near stands of oak. Turkeys key on the acorns, but also feed in the meadows on grubs, worms and insects. On ranch land, the turkeys spend a lot of time around livestock feeders where they pick up spilled corn and grain.

In Jackson County, Highways 66 and 140 lead hunters to a mixture of public and private land to the east. Turkeys can be found all the way to the eastern edge of the county. Highway 62, from Shady Cove to Prospect, runs through good turkey habitat. The area around Lost Creek Reservoir provides good hunting on public land.

Hunters in this area set up base camps at Emigrant Lake, Hyatt Lake or Howard Prairie Lake, east of Ashland.

In Josephine County, promising areas are BLM lands on back roads to the southwest of the towns of Talent and Phoenix.

On the coast, in Curry and Coos counties, the best turkey hunting is found on and around private land in the river valleys.

Daytime temperatures range widely with highs from 30 to 65 degrees. Rainfall is more common than snow during this season. Hunters need to be prepared for both.

A non-resident turkey tag costs \$64 and the bag limit is one turkey of either sex. A maximum of 3,000 of these tags is sold on a first-come, first-served basis. An additional requirement is a non-resident hunting license that is also good for migratory waterfowl and upland birds. The least expensive is a three-day pass costing \$21.50. Licenses are available at most sporting goods stores or by mail order.

For specific license agent locations: **503-947-6100**. For information, or to request regulations: **800-720-6339**,

www.dfw.state.or.us where The 2006-2007 Oregon Game Bird Regulations should be available for more details.

For maps, including BLM and Forest Service maps: **Bend Mapping, 541-389-7440, www.bendmapping.com**.

Jody Smith based in Douglas County, charges \$400 per day for one hunter, \$600 for two. Lunches and drinks are provided. If no shot is presented, a refund of \$100 will be returned to the hunter. **Jody Smith Guide Service, 3043 Henderer Road, Elkton, OR 97436; 541-643-6258; jody@jodysmithguideservice.com; www.jodysmithguideservice.com**.

Big K Guest Ranch specializes in

spring turkey hunts, but is happy to offer guided fall turkey hunts in combination with lodging at its bed and breakfast. Accommodations here are rustic yet upscale. The food is excellent. **Kathie Williamson, Big K Guest Ranch, Hwy. 138W, Elkton, OR 97436; 800-390-BIGK; lodge@big-k.com; www.big-k.com**.

Based in **Grants Pass, Wapiti Outfitters** offers guided spring turkey hunts and will consider guiding fall hunters as the schedule allows. **Dan Syfert, Wapiti Archery Outfitters, 1349 Redwood Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97527; 541-472-9677; dan@wapitiarchery.com; www.wapitiarchery.com**.

—Gary Lewis

Dateline: Argentina

Fields of Carlos's Dreams

- Hunt a variety of species
- Top-notch service and attention to details
- **Accommodations:** Luxury lodge
- **Food:** Gourmet regional
- **Hunt:** Easy

For more than 10 years, **Carlos Sanchez** and **Los Ombues Lodge** in Argentina have been synonymous with "quality wingshooting" and "luxury accommodations." Los Ombues is the **only Orvis-endorsed lodge in Argentina**. About a 4 1/2 hours' drive from Buenos Aires in **Entre Rios Province**, the lodge has a commanding view of the flood plains of the Parana River where duck hunting takes place and is close to quality dove and perdiz shooting. It was on this hillside in 1994 that Carlos told me we were standing on the site of the lodge he was going to build. When he began guiding and outfitting bird shooting in Argentina in 1988, Sanchez leased estancias for his clients and often stayed at two locations during a typical hunt. Eventually, he found a location that offered duck hunting a 10 to 45-minute boat ride away, dove hunting fields only a five to 10-minute drive away and perdiz shooting within a five-minute walk. It was on this site that he built Los Ombues Lodge. I recently returned for the first time since the lodge was completed in August 1995.

Named after indigenous trees of the

region, the lodge sits on 40,000 deeded acres with a total of 150,000 acres available exclusively to clients. The 12,000-square-foot lodge can accommodate 14 hunters during the May through August combination season (duck, dove, perdiz) and 18 clients during the October through March high volume (20 to 40 boxes of ammo/day) dove only shoots.



The typical routine for the mixed bags shoots starts with a wake-up call at 5:30 a.m. followed by a light breakfast of coffee, tea, juice and toast then a five-minute van ride to the waiting boats. The lodge has eight outboard powered boats that run 10 to 45 minutes from the launch to the hunting areas. In most cases, the bird boys are already at the blinds with decoys set so the moment the hunters arrive the shooting begins.

My visit in early July coincided with unseasonably warm weather and low water conditions that made the duck hunting more difficult than normal. Yet 80 to 90 percent of the hunters harvested their limits of 20 ducks each morning. The

duck limit in Entre Rios Province has been 20 birds/day for decades and Carlos makes sure his clients obey the rules. As Carlos points out, he doesn't set the limits: they are determined by the government. The primary birds in the bag were rosy-billed pochards (a bird that decoys well and is top quality as table fare) and fulvous whistling ducks. We also added a few white-faced whistling ducks, silver and Brazilian teal and red shovelers to the bag. Most of the duck hunts were over by 10 a.m. and by the time clients returned to the lodge a breakfast of eggs, bacon, toast and coffee was waiting. For those who wanted to hunt perdiz before the late afternoon dove shoot, a midday hunt was arranged. The perdiz fields were literally right out the back door of the lodge and the most distant were a 15-minute drive away. The perdiz hunting was in low grass cover in flat to gently rolling terrain over well-trained English pointers that worked close. The perdiz limit is seven birds/day, and in 1 1/2 to two hours of walking a reasonable shot can harvest a limit. Lunch was served about 2 p.m. and was the main meal of the day. The meal featured various cuts of quality beef along with fresh bread, salad, potatoes or rice and premium Argentine red wine. Hunters gathered for the dove hunts about 2:45 p.m. and were in the dove fields in 10 minutes. Clients and their bird boys were set up in flyways along tree lines where doves traded back and forth between several nearby sunflower fields

and more distant roosts. Unlike ducks and perdiz, there is no limit on doves in Argentina. The dove hunts yield up to 375 doves/shooter, the average being 175 to 250 doves for 15 to 20 boxes of shells. The dove hunts were over by 5:30 p.m. and dinner was served at 8 p.m.

As part of the hunt package, a full-time masseuse is on staff and the period between the evening hunt and dinner is a great time for a cocktail, a

massage and relaxation.

Standard five night/four shooting day packages are \$3,995 and include transportation by van from the Buenos Aires airport, shooting services, accommodations and food. Beretta and Benelli over/under and semi-auto shotguns in 28, 20, and 12-gauges are available to rent for \$40 per day or clients can bring their own. Shells are \$10/box. There is a private airstrip only a few

minutes from the lodge and air charters can be arranged.

The quality of the shooting, the accommodations and food was outstanding and the attentiveness of the bird boys and attention to detail displayed by the lodge staff were well above average.

Book through: **The Detail Company, 800-292-2213, www.detailcompany.com.**

—Gary Kramer

Dateline: Massachusetts

Hotspots for Public Land Pheasants

- Hunt stocked birds near population centers
- For a twist, try pass-shooting
- **Accommodations:** National chains
- **Food:** Fast food to five-star dining
- **Hunt:** Easy to moderate

Hunters visiting the Bay State may be surprised to know that MassWildlife, the state's wildlife management agency, operates one of the most successful and productive pheasant-stocking programs in the East. Some 40,000 ring-necked pheasants are released annually on over 40 public hunting areas throughout the state. About 60 percent of the birds are stocked prior to the season opener and during October, and the remainder is put out during November and just before Thanksgiving.

In eastern Massachusetts, try the Myles Standish Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Just five miles from historic Plymouth Rock, this 1,870-acre public hunting area is divided into two plots: 1,150 acres that are managed for pheasants, and 720 acres that are dedicated to quail habitat. The pheasant area boasts a good mix of oak, pine and brushy woodlands sprinkled with small openings and fields. The quail area features seven fields that are about one-half mile long each. There are also numerous ponds in both areas where hunting dogs can water.

To get there from Boston, take Route 3 south to Exit 3. Turn left to Long Pond Road. Continue about two miles to Alden Road and turn left. Continue about three miles into the pheasant stocking area.

To access the quail area, turn off Alden Road onto Cobbs Lane.

This area is best hunted mid-week or later in the day on Saturdays. There are always pheasants and quail available, but expect to find them in unusual places once the season gets underway. Many hunters focus on the classic cover types, but I have found plenty of birds in the thick brush, pond edges and even



under brush piles in wooded areas.

Another great fall pheasant hotspot in Massachusetts is the Barre Falls WMA. One of the largest public hunting areas in the state, Barre Falls covers over 10,000 acres.

The area, managed cooperatively by MassWildlife, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan District Commission, boasts a wide variety of habitat types including fields, wetlands, swamps and woodlots. Expect wet conditions and come prepared to brave high, tangled grass, briars, thorns and other sharp objects!

Access to the area is off Route 62 four miles east of Barre. Abundant signs may be found on the northern end of the

property. Access is also available off Route 122 or off Brigham Street.

Pheasant hunters who like tramping through New England's wetland habitat will love Herman Covey (or "Swift River") WMA. This 1,474-acre area generally consists of typical river-bottom habitat. Ponds and beaver flowages mark the lowland areas, while steep ridges and rolling hills dominate the higher ground.

There are numerous grassy fields in this area, plus plenty of sumacs, multi flora rose and autumn olive, all providing great cover for stocked birds.

To get to this area from Hartford/Springfield, take I-91 to I-90. Exit on Route 32 north to Ware and turn left on Route 9. Herman Covey WMA is about halfway between Ware and Belchertown to the west.

Also in western Massachusetts, the George L. Darey/Housatonic Valley WMA in Pittsfield, Lenox and Lee offers a patchwork of public hunting grounds that totals over 800 acres. Most of the property borders the Housatonic River, providing more of the wetland habitat that stocked pheasants quickly use when the shooting starts.

The cover here is marshy with some low brush. It is primarily flat except near the riverbanks and eroded areas. Expect to see woodcock and waterfowl as well as pheasants. (Purchase a state and federal duck stamp if you intend to shoot ducks and geese, and don't forget to plug your gun and bring non-toxic shot!).

To get here from Pittsfield, go south on East New Lenox Road to the intersection of New Lenox Road. There is a parking area and foot access to the WMA.

If time and inclination allow, try the 2,123-acre Crane Pond WMA in Byfield. This five-parcel area offers parking on each section and parking areas are well marked for easy access. Much of this area consists of abandoned, overgrown farmland with some small openings and clearings. A high-tension power line runs through the area, providing additional cover for birds and access for hunters. Some good shooting may be found in the brushy cover under the power lines and in the edge cover immediately inside the associated wood line.

The Parker River flows through the area, and two small ponds provide water and edge cover for birds.

To get there, from the Boston area, take I-95 to Exit 56 in Byfield. Turn west toward Byfield and then turn south on Main Street. Turn right again onto For-

est Street, which leads into the heart of the WMA.

A Massachusetts hunting license costs \$65.50. The pheasant season opens Oct. 14 and runs through Nov. 25. The daily bag limit is two birds and the season limit is six pheasants. Sunday hunting is prohibited.

As always, the best hunting takes place during the week. Birds are usually stocked mid-week to give them time to find safe havens before the Saturday onslaught. Expect to find birds anywhere and everywhere! They may be in waterway cattails, mid-field brush or in open woods. Wear lightweight, briar-proof clothing and expect drastic weather changes — it may be cool in the morning, warm at midday and then cool again at night. Rain or wind can crop up at any time. Wear lightweight, waterproof

boots with good arch and ankle support since hunters cover a lot of ground for each bird bagged.

One tip for Saturday hunts: pick a central spot and consider some pass-shooting. There may be plenty of hunters about but not all of them are expert shots. Let them do the legwork. I have often taken a limit of pheasants in these places without taking a step. Wait patiently for driven birds to come sailing across wood lines, brushy hedgerows and along waterways, and down them using a modified choke with high-brass No. 6s or No. 4s.

For more information: **Mass Wildlife**, www.masswildlife.org. For accommodations near any of these WMAs: **Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism at (800) 227-MASS**.

—Steve Carpenteri

Dateline: New Brunswick

Woodcock and Grouse with a French-Canadian Flair

- Hunt behind fine Irish setters
- Classic woodcock cover
- **Accommodations:** Top-end
- **Food:** Gourmet
- **Hunt:** Difficult

There is no question that **Andre Godin** runs a tight ship. Andre is owner and operator of **Miramichi Inn** along the banks of the Little Southwest Miramichi, part of the river system made famous for Atlantic salmon in eastern **New Brunswick**. The grounds are manicured to perfection. Guests with dogs have a designated area where dogs must be taken to be “aired” or else! It seems that every square inch of every surface among the physical structures is clean, freshly painted or stained, in order and properly maintained. Designated mealtimes are adhered to with precision. Yet, despite such regimentation, an incredibly relaxing and soothing atmosphere prevails at the inn. With the arrival of late September and October come the woodcock, the staple bird of the area, and also the ruffed grouse.

Andre raises **Irish setters**, with brood stock coming in directly from the U.K. When qualified on woodcock and grouse, they become the dogs of use by the guides

for clients who do not bring their own dogs. From the time they are old enough to venture out, they see woodcock and grouse cover, an important element in the development of a dog for these unforgiving birds.

This is **Maritime Canada**, much of which serves as a summering ground and also a flyway for the American woodcock on its southern migration. Woodcock are known to use rivers as navigational aides when migrating. The Miramichi system seems to offer both landmarks for migrating birds and thickly vegetated, damp areas with earthworms, plenty to keep the local birds well fed as well as to serve as an invitation for their sojourning cousins to stop in for a snack and some rest.

Of course, where woodcock lie, ruffed grouse are usually close by, and vice versa. But it’s important to understand that at Miramichi, the woodcock is the number one quarry. During average years, says Andre, the ratio of birds taken is 70 percent woodcock to 30 percent grouse.

The cover is typical woodcock and grouse cover: thick vegetation on soggy and/or uneven ground. These are ghastly haunts, places where the branches seem to come to life to pluck the hat off your head and where the flushed bird can seem to vaporize into its surroundings. Anything on the ground that can grab your

boot or pour water into it will do its best to do so. Honestly, one needs to be in reasonably fit condition to hunt here. Being cold but dry is not likely; being overheated and wet is very likely. Hunters are best advised to arrive with the appropriate clothing including waterproof footwear made for walking.

Breakfast is served to all every morning, then hunters and guides head out. Hunters can return to the inn for lunch or, if they want to remain in the field all day, opt for a field lunch. Evenings bring cocktail hour, and Miramichi Inn is well known for its gourmet style dinners and fine house wines.

The rooms are comfortable, located both in the main lodge building as well as in cabins nearby. All feature modern amenities, including wireless Internet access.

Bird limits in New Brunswick are renowned as “generous” if not arguably “too liberal.” Provincial and Federal limits are eight woodcock per day, 16 in possession, and six grouse per day, 12 in possession. However, Miramichi’s guides impose their own woodcock limit system designed to conserve game: five per day, 16 in possession, so one “bonus bird” can be saved for the final day of the hunt.

The season for woodcock opens Sept. 15 and runs until the woodcock

have migrated out, usually no later than early to mid-November. The season on grouse, a resident bird, runs Oct. 1 through Nov. 15.

Rates range from \$450 to \$650 (U.S.) per day depending upon factors such as whether clients bring their own dogs or use Andre's Irish setters, whether the clients use their vehicles rather than the guides', and so forth. Guests arriv-

ing Sept. 15 to 30 can take advantage of the "early bird special," a discounted rate of \$325 per day. Says Andre, "This is a good opportunity to get a young dog onto some woodcock as well as grouse, but only woodcock may be taken at that time."

The required Provincial and Federal licenses cost an additional \$94. Andre will assist with the necessary

Canadian Firearms Centre gun registration paperwork, which currently requires a \$25 (Can.) fee.

Contact Andre Godin, **Miramichi Inn, 1100 Halcomb Road, P.O. Box 331, Red Bank, New Brunswick, Canada E9E 2P3; 506 836-7452; info@miramichiinn.com; www.miramichiinn.com.**

—John Gosselin

Hunt Report of the Month:

Pigeons, Pigeons and More Pigeons — So Many Pigeons So Little Time

- Winghooting second to none
- All the amenities
- **Accommodations:** Luxury lodge
- **Food:** On-site chef, exquisite meals
- **Hunt:** Easy

I have the opportunity to use, work with and meet many guides and outfitters. I can truthfully say that **Erik Von Sneidern** does as good as any or better job than most and I'm not afraid to recommend him to anybody.

This past June I took my sixth hunt to Paraguay, the third with Erik.

Just when you think it can't possibly get any better, our host amazed us with more improvements that made our hunting experience even better than we ever expected. Last year, we were ecstatic with the new **Picazuro Lodge**. This year, he added an additional two guest rooms and a new self-contained walk up bar in the patio/BBQ area.

Erik has always been one of our very favorite hosts and always goes out of his way to provide clients with everything they could want or need, usually before they even think to ask. He is without a doubt customer oriented. Erik really knows how to run a hunting operation, and that is why his is known as a "superstar" in South America.

Last year, we really felt like and were part of the family. We were privileged to have shared time at the lodge with Erik's mother, Yolanda, and his sister Margit. We were able to learn much about Erik's father, the late and very well known

ornithologist, Kjell Von Sneidern. What a great man and pioneer — now we know where Erik gets the pioneering spirit!

The trip to Paraguay is usually on American Airlines through Dallas or Miami to Sao Paulo, Brazil then transfer



to A/A's partner, TAM Airlines to Asuncion, Paraguay where you catch a private charter for the 90-minute flight to the landing strip close to the lodge.

The lodge now has eight guest rooms each with two beds, individual air conditioning, shower and toilet. The main lodge has a family room with satellite TV, dining room and fireplace. The patio/BBQ area has the bar as well as a swimming pool. There is also a gun cleaning room where Erik has a knowledgeable person clean your guns as requested. There is also a computer with Internet and fax available.

Paraguay is a small, landlocked country about the size of the state of Pennsylvania. It is rich in agriculture with sunflowers, peanuts, sorghum and corn as the main crops. The hunting is done in the Chaco Paraguayo, which is a vast green desert (arid and hot) of palm and scrub forests. The Chaco makes up more than 65 percent of Paraguay's

geography, but only two percent of this area is inhabited. Most of the fields we hunt are large peanut fields, farmed by the Mennonites who migrated here in the 1930s.

The trip is for six days with 3 1/2 days of world-class pigeon shooting. Hunters shoot both the blue/gray spotted and the slightly larger Picazuro pigeons. Picazueros will comprise 85 to 90 percent of the bag.

Because of the new lodge and its location, most drives to the field are less than an hour, some as close as 20 minutes. The air-conditioned bus used to transport hunters has reclining seats and is always stocked with plenty of cold bottled water.

The shooting is from individual blinds that the bird boys construct from tree limbs and brush. The pigeons start flying about 45 minutes after sunrise. Prior to that, the doves will move and clients can shoot some of them if they prefer. The pigeon shooting lasts until late morning. Then a break in the action brings the treat of one of Erik's famous field lunches in a shaded area in the jungle, then a nice siesta in a comfortable hammock.

After lunch, clients head back to the field for the afternoon flights and shoot until almost dark. Then they travel back to the lodge for a drink, shower or swim and dinner. The chef, Javier, is a master at his trade, and his fabulous creations are guaranteed to add a few pounds.

Of all the trips I've taken, this is my favorite and one of the best, if not the best overall. In large part what makes this special is the people. They are all superb and they know why they are in business.

From the folks at Trek, to Erik and his staff including the bird boys, caretaker, Javier, the bus driver, the waiter, the maids and the gunsmith, they are all first class and have the customer as the top priority.

If you are interested in a trip, you'll

want to act fast. When we arranged for our next trip, Erik was already 80 percent booked for 2007.

Next year, the cost for the trip will be \$2,895 per person. Shells were \$10 a box. Our airfare from Indiana was

approximately \$1,100.

To book: **Trek International Safaris, P.O. Box 1305, Ponte Verda Beach, FL 32004; 800-654-9915; www.treksafaris.com.**

—Erroll Cheney

Briefly Noted

Things to Do, Places to Go, New Developments

Contributor **Patricia Stockdill** reports that hunters in **North Dakota gained 3,461 acres of public hunting land** through an ingenious agreement involving the North Dakota Dept. of Transportation (DOT), State Land Dept., and North Dakota Game and Fish Dept.

The land tracts range in diversity **from prairie wetlands to sandhill uplands and aspen woodlands** — a rarity in the prairie state. They range in size from the 155-acre Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to two 640-acre tracts.

Under the administration of the Land Dept., the tracts were open to public hunting, but it was not encouraged and the lands were not managed for wildlife and wildlife habitat. The Game and Fish Dept. now manages the tracts. They will be fenced and signed so hunters can identify them as Wildlife Management Areas. Opportunities exist for wildlife habitat improvements, and any necessary noxious weed control efforts will be undertaken.

The new North Dakota Wildlife Management Areas:

—Bull Creek WMA, Billings County, 155 acres: south of Belfield, a reclaimed uranium mine with sharp-tailed grouse, pronghorn (nonresident archery only) and deer.

—Clear Lake WMA, McIntosh County, 160 acres: near Danzig, a large wetland with waterfowl, white-tailed deer and upland game.

—Hague WMA, Emmons County, 160 acres: near Hague, uplands and semi-permanent wetland with waterfowl, whitetails, sharp-tailed grouse and pheasants.

—Horseshoe Lake WMA, Pierce County, 640 acres: northeast of Towner, a large wetland complex with waterfowl and some upland game hunting opportunities.

—Lost Bridge WMA, Dunn County,

469 acres: rugged Badlands habitat with mule deer (lottery for rifle season and application for “any-deer” archery), sharp-tailed grouse and turkey (nonresident turkey licenses available only for the fall season after resident lottery held).

—Prairie Chicken WMA, Grand Forks County, 160 acres: tall grass prairie adjacent to the existing Prairie Chicken WMA west of Grand Forks, with whitetails and some waterfowl, prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse,



which is open to residents only through lottery license drawing.

—Salt Flats WMA, Divide County, 320 acres: large saline wetland and important sandhill crane roosting area near Noonan, with waterfowl, sharptails, whitetails and the possibility of some pheasants.

—Three Buttes WMA, Grant County, 160 acres: near Flasher, a mix of short grass prairie and creek bottom with sharptails and whitetails; a crested wheatgrass field will be renovated to improve habitat for pheasants.

—Willow Lake WMA, Rolette County, 597 acres: Northwest of Dunseith, a premier stand of native aspen woodland mixed with small lakes, with ruffed grouse, whitetails and some waterfowl.

For more information: North Dakota Game and Fish Dept., 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501;

701- 328-6300; <http://gf.nd.gov>.

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Senior Editor **John Gosselin** has found a unique shooting opportunity in the hilly country of east-central Upstate New York near the Vermont border.

Pheasant Ridge Hunting Preserve specializes in Continental-style pheasant shoots with all the elegant trappings of a sport historically favored by European nobility. The operation is closely overseen by owner and gracious hostess **Virginia Mallon**.

The classically designed pheasant-shooting circle is comprised of 12 shooting positions or “butts” strategically located around the irregularly shaped hill from where the pheasants are released. The shooters or “guns” advance around the circle at regular intervals indicated by horn signals. Shooters are accompanied by a Hunt Master as well as bird boys with dog handlers to retrieve downed birds. Each shooting position has the potential of offering some very challenging overhead or passing shots. The configuration of the course is laid out with safety as a number one priority.

Each shoot starts at a civilized hour with coffee and pastry. Shooters are then offered a warm-up shoot with a clay target “flurry.” Next, they are escorted to the pheasant area for the main event. Shooting activities are normally completed within approximately four hours, with larger groups perhaps taking a bit longer.

After the conclusion of shooting, an elegant and delicious pig roast is served with all the fixings. A renovated barn also offers an occasional display of the “art of the hunt.” Pheasant Ridge is located in **Greenwich, N.Y.**, a quaint dairy farm town located in the foothills of the Adirondacks steeped in colorful Revolutionary War history. It is 35 miles north of Albany International Airport and is close to many tourist attractions and amenities.

This is an upscale facility with prices to match. Variations on packages are available, but the basic cost for one day of shooting is \$525 per person, which includes 10 birds flown per shooter. At a minimum of six guns, 75 birds will be flown. Each shooter can bring one guest for lunch. Shooters must assemble their own groups. Walk-up hunts are also available. Pheasant shoots are offered September through November.

Contact Mallon: **Pheasant Ridge, Route 40 North, P.O. Box 216, Greenwich, NY 12834; 518-692-9459; www.pheasantridgehuntingpreserve.com.**

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Shannon Tompkins of the *Houston Chronicle* reports that waterfowlers in five Central Flyway states will operate this coming hunting season under an experimental duck bag limit structure termed "hunter's choice."

The hunter's choice option was included in the package of federal late-season migratory bird hunting regulation frameworks approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regulations committee this summer.

Hunter's choice was designed and pushed by waterfowl managers in the Central Flyway as a way to reduce harvest of duck species with population problems while allowing the most opportunity to take species with thriving populations, said Paul Schmidt, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assistant director for migratory birds.

Under hunter's choice, hunters will be allowed a daily, aggregate bag limit of five ducks over a 74-day season. Those five ducks can include no more than two redheads, two scaup and two wood ducks. And that hunters will be allowed to take only one duck from the following group: mallard hen, "dusky" (mottled, black, Mexican) duck, canvasback, pintail.

In Central Flyway states not under hunter's choice, the daily bag limit will be six ducks, with the same two-duck restriction on redheads, wood ducks and scaup. But hunters there will be allowed to take a maximum of two mallard hens. Canvasbacks and pintails will be legal game during only 39 days of the 74-day duck season, with a one-bird daily limit on each species.

Texas, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas are the five Central Flyway states that will operate

under the hunter's choice bag limit. They have committed to keeping it in place for at least three hunting seasons.

Waterfowl managers will judge the impact of the hunter's choice through harvest surveys and hunter attitude surveys.

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This just in from the U.S. Air Force



News Agency: The **Dept. of the Army** has established a **new partnership** between the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program (ACUB) and **Ducks Unlimited**.

The partnership allows Ducks Unlimited to work with the Army to identify opportunities for wetland creation and management near installations participating in the ACUB program, said Chad Henry, director of training for the Training Lands Office.

The ACUB Program was created to handle the problems caused by urban sprawl near military installations, or encroachment, as it is called. It joins installations with partners working to keep land from being developed. The result is a dual benefit: the Army and its partners get to conserve the environment and soldiers get to continue realistic training.

A source at the News Agency said the lands will eventually be **open for hunting**.

For more information about the ACUB program:

www.sustainability.army.mil.

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Writer Craig Springer offers the following recommendation for subscribers interested in hunting **New Mexico**.

Clients on the **Hay Ranch** have the chance to see what bird hunting can be like on lands cared for and properly managed and where a landowner has a view of the big picture. **George Hay** is a third-generation Roosevelt County rancher, tall and lanky and a little bent over from his 80-some years of ranch life. The ranch has been in his family since 1916. Hay's ranch operation produces winter wheat and cows, plus, of course the ancillary crops,

scaled and bobwhite quail.

The ranch, in **Roosevelt County** less than 15 miles from the Texas state line, is large — comprised of 50 sections of land with wide and open skies. The shinnery oaks get knee-high at their tallest, yet they throw off more mast than any other large towering oaks. The lands are gentle and rolling, sandy and dusty. Weedy draws of the eastern uplands are non-existent here as are raspberry thickets and hedgerows and hawthorns. The smallest of hummocks and swales, the bunch grasses, mesquite and yucca provide the cover the birds need from the wind, marsh hawks and bird dogs with hunters. The Hay Ranch, along with a wedge of land along the state line southward, is the only place in New Mexico where hunters can potentially bump up scaled and bobwhite quail from the same covers.

It really is no exaggeration to say that clients have ample opportunity to reach their 15-bird limits. And it's no accident that the Hay Ranch is flush with wild quail. Hay and hunting guide **Bob King**, owner of the **Santa Fe Guiding Company** improved the rangeland habitat here not just for the quail but also for the lesser prairie chicken whose numbers not yet reached huntable levels. For example, the two men buried 11 miles of pipe around the ranch to get water on the ground. They put out a dozen guzzlers and cattle exclosures, and the birds seem to have responded beyond expectation. The fences keep out cattle and antelope, and the grasses inside provide nesting and nursery cover, not to mention bugs and seeds for food.

This is not a destination for travelers who desire a resort experience. The lodging is an austere, circa-1900 homestead ranch house, but you can hunt right out the front door. The food is good; elk lasagna, sausage and eggs, and massive sandwiches typify the menu. The season runs November to February. If you are flying, the closest airports are in El Paso and Albuquerque, N.M. and Lubbock, Texas.

Contact Bob King, **505-466-7964, info@santafeguidingco.com, www.santafeguidingco.com.**

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Ducks Unlimited reports that in a 385 to 4 vote July 24, the **Electronic Duck Stamp Act** passed the House of Representatives. It had passed in the Senate earlier

and now needs only President Bush's signature to become law. Once the president signs the bill, this three-year pilot program will allow up to 15 states to offer electronic duck stamps over the phone, Internet and at retail locations in those states beginning Sept. 1, 2007.

Even though only 15 states (not yet determined) will offer the e-stamp, **anyone in the country can purchase the e-stamp** from any one of the 15 states via phone or the Internet and the duck stamp will be valid in their respective state. The traditional paper stamp will be mailed to each purchaser. The program will be evaluated after three years. If it's running smoothly, and doesn't look like the e-stamp in any way might lead to the demise of the paper duck stamp, then the program could be expanded to all 50 states via another act of Congress.

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In a column at pineandlakes.com, writer **Mike Rahn** reports that the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** recently released its yearly **woodcock population report** for the continent's interior, or Central Region. Woodcock numbers are estimated in spring by observers who count the number of males as they make their courtship flights at dusk, in courting locations known as "singing grounds."

The area from the Atlantic tidewater to the Mississippi River states roughly describes the continental range of the American woodcock. Much as biologists have divided North America into four major flyways for duck and goose migration, they similarly describe two regions for woodcock management purposes, Eastern and Central.

This year's USFWS report on the woodcock population in the Central Region is considered positive, at least in the context of long-term averages.

For the third straight year, USFWS's 10-year-averaged continental population estimate shows **woodcock numbers holding steady**.

The USFWS report is especially encouraging because it suggests a stabilization of a several decades-long decline in woodcock numbers, which began on a continent-wide scale in the 1960s.

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The **Pennsylvania Game Commission** has posted information on its website to ensure hunters have the **facts about avian influenza** and wild birds. Go to www.pgc.state.pa.us and click on "Avian Influenza" link in the "Quick Clicks" box in the upper right corner.

Outfitter Critiques: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly

This section of The Bird Hunting Report is based entirely on subscriber-written Bird Hunting Report forms received by our offices. It is designed to provide first-hand opinions on what is happening in the field. Our policy at The Bird Hunting Report is as follows: We publish excerpts in the newsletter of Bird Hunting Reports as received, except in cases when booking agents or outfitters submit reports on hunts in which they have a financial stake or when we have reason to question whether there are ulterior financial or personal motives on the part of the person submitting the report. It goes without saying that a single report in this section should not be taken as the final word on an outfitter's competence. Many elements of a hunt are subjective. What is wrong for one hunter may be right for another. Moreover, personality conflicts often occur on hunts. It is obvious that hunters, as well as outfitters, can be the cause of a ruined hunt. We think all seasoned hunters can sort this out and make proper use of our Bird Hunting Report Program. Our pages are open for a

rebuttal of equal length by any affected party. For details on how to order photocopies of the Bird Hunt Reports, see the Bird Hunt Report Service box elsewhere in this section.

From subscriber David Rhoads comes this report about his hunt on **Kodiak Island, Alaska** in December 2005.

I went on a sea duck hunt with **Jim Hamilton** of **True North Adventures** in hope of adding a Harlequin, common surf scoter, old squaw and an American merganser to my collection. We were hoping to get really lucky and get a chance at a king eider. The weather would have to get extremely rough in the Bering Sea to drive the king eiders into more sheltered areas around the island if I was going to get a chance at getting this bird.

We saw a lot of the very colorful Harlequin ducks, surf scoters, American mergansers, common eiders and old squaws on this trip. Duck hunting is usually a windy, rainy and cold affair, but on this trip the temperature was in the 40s. The weather did not let me down;

mid-week a storm came in and we had ocean swells of over 12 feet along with rain and fog. We hunted the ducks by decoying, spot and stalk, jump shooting and drifting. In the afternoons, Jim had several inland lakes and rivers that we checked out on our way back to the hotel.

Every morning, Jim had the day's equipment ready along with our lunches. We usually left the hotel around 8:30 a.m., and we were on the water by 9:00–9:30. Shooting hours started at day-break, 9:30 a.m. The day was very short and ended at 4:30 p.m. with a return trip back to the hotel when the sun was setting. Jim would return to the hotel at 6:30 every evening to pick us up and take us to one of the fine restaurants in the town.

The hunt was just like I had imagined it. The guide met us at the airport, had a fine place for us to stay, a wide selection of food, the weather was rainy, the ducks that we were after were in the area, we got the ducks we wanted, and the whole trip overall went just as smooth as a sea duck hunt could go.

For info: **True North Adventures**
Jim Hamilton, P.O. Box 3082, Kodiak,
AK 99615; 907-486-5188; jimhkodiak
@gci.net.

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Subscribers Tony and Debbie Bucciero rate every aspect of their recent trip to **South Africa** as “Excellent” and give it a hearty recommendation as a “great, no hassle, easy ‘couples’ trip” one that was “excellent for hunters or non-hunting spouses.”

Hunting with **Bird Hunters Africa**, they stayed at five different areas and rated all the accommodations as excellent with “great food, friendly, professional people, and lots of diversity in the types of birds hunted.”

During this two-week trip from the end of May to mid-June, they hunted out of three South African locations for four kinds of ducks, two kinds of geese, guinea fowl, doves and pigeons. And they were exposed to a variety of hunting techniques: walk up, pit blinds, fields, drive up.

Everything went so smoothly on the trip they even mention that local flights throughout the country were “no problem.”

Cost of the trip was about \$5500 per person not including airfare. Shells cost about \$10 per box.

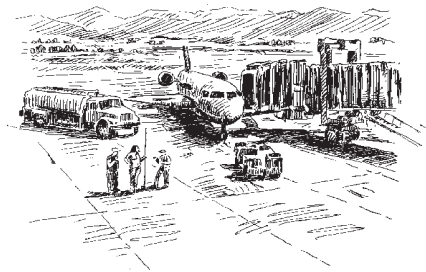
They booked the trip through **Trek International Safaris**. For more info: Bird Hunters Africa, www.birdhunterafrica.com.

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Subscriber **Michael Tancredi** offers the following report on what he calls the “mysterious Temporary Firearms Entry Permit required by the Consulate General of Argentina” for bringing your guns

into the country:

In March 2006, we booked our yearly trip to Argentina. As the “Hunting Report” had stated in a previous edition, most information and the need



for this permit was unclear and confused at best. However, as I am rather obsessive and I would be shooting in different locations with different outfitters, I applied for this Firearms Entry Permit.

I received my permit in a timely manner and flew on United Airlines from San Francisco to Washington/Dulles. I did not, however, continue on to Argentina but stayed in Washington for three days.

On the morning of our departure, we went to the check-in counter at United. I presented my guns as part of my luggage from Washington. The ticket counter lady seemed a little confused on how to check or process the shotguns. She resourced her computer as to correct procedure for checking guns and lo and behold, United Airlines requires the Consulate Permit.

I presented my permit and she said, “I am glad you had the appropriate paperwork because I would have been unable to check your guns without the permit.”

So, without that permit, I would have been required to miss my flight,

get the permit from the Consulate General and return the next day. I questioned the lady’s supervisor and this lady also said the permit was required.

So, here are my opinions:

1.) Washington/Dulles United Airlines ground staff might ask for the permit when you check guns in there.

2.) I have flown with United to Argentina numerous times and have never been asked. This also includes flights to South Africa, Columbia, Paraguay, Uruguay, England, Spain and Botswana. Go figure. But all flights are out of San Francisco and direct. I never had broken a flight trip before as I did with Washington.

3.) Every “in country” Argentina outfitter that I have hunted (total of five) says the permit is not necessary. What is needed is the Ministerio de Defensa Authorized Temporary Permit, the “bringing it in and taking it out” Firearms Permit, that single sheet application your outfitter fills out for you and takes to the customs/police when you arrive — checking in your guns and paying a \$75 per gun fee.

Bottom line:

If you travel there infrequently to hunt, do not take any guns both from a cost perspective — it is a wash as to gun entry fee vs. renting your gun from the outfitter — and from an avoidance of hassles perspective.

Further, your personal shotguns then will not have 1,000 rounds per day or more run through them. I would be curious to know if any other “Hunting Report” subscriber has ever been asked for the Consulate General’s special permit or if I am the only person in the country who has ever paid the \$40 for a permit and had to show it.

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Personal guide (if different from above) _____

Booking agent (if any) _____ Telephone _____

Place you hunted (State/Province/Country) _____

Specific area(s) _____ Abundant Average Scarce

Species sought _____ Abundant Average Scarce

_____ Abundant Average Scarce

_____ Abundant Average Scarce

Type of hunt (walk up, pit blind, etc.) _____

RATINGS

	<i>Outfitter/Operator</i>					<i>Personal Guide</i>			
Equipment condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Knowledge of hunt area	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Hunting ability	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Cuisine	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Dog work	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Personality/Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Airline _____ Please rate overall service, 1 to 10 (10 is highest) _____

YOUR SUMMARY REMARKS

Hunt highlights/special features _____

Problems (if any) _____

Would you recommend this trip to a friend? _____ Why or why not? _____

Cost of trip excluding air fare _____ Air fare _____

Cost of shells _____

PERSONAL DATA

Your name _____ Date of report _____

Your address _____

Telephone (optional) _____ E-mail _____

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Self-Guided Hunt

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Date of trip _____ to _____ 20____

Place you hunted (State/Province/Country) _____

Specific area(s) _____ Abundant Average Scarce

Species sought _____ Abundant Average Scarce

_____ Abundant Average Scarce

_____ Abundant Average Scarce

Type of hunt (walk up, pit blind, etc.) _____

Permits, licenses, etc., required _____

How obtained _____

Special gear needed (decoys, waders, etc.) _____

Dog requirement (if any) _____

Where you stayed _____

Address (Street or box #) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Transportation in area _____

How and where arranged _____

Airline used (if any) _____ Please rate overall service, 1 to 10 (10 is highest) _____

Comment _____

Whom to contact to set up this hunt and phone number if available) _____

YOUR SUMMARY REMARKS

Hunt highlights/special features _____

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