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Last year I shot a small bear in the fall, on camera it looked decent and once it was on the ground it shrunk. I never got a weight on the whole animal but roughly the size of a large dog (80-90lbs?). I believe it was a yearling. May 1st, 2025,08:08 AM #1 over beagles a few times and it becomes apparent why they've been called a Jack-of-all-trades, handy-dandy, endearing, and merry. What can I but enumerate old themes, First that sea-rider Oisin led by the nose Through three enchanted islands, allegorical dreams, Vain gaiety, vain battle, vain repose, Themes of the embittered heart, or so it seems. -- "The Circus Animals Desertion" by William Butler Yeats May 1st, 202508:08 AM # ADS May 1st, 2025,10:50 AM #2 Well beagles can be a whole lot of fun however like eveything else they come with advantages as hunting companions and pets. The pros are they are easy to keep health wise, can be excellent on rabbits and hare, will flush pheasants. 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"We are more than our gender, skin color, class, sexuality or age; we are unlimited potential, and can not be defined by one label." guote A. Bartlett May 1st, 2025,03:16 PM #4 Originally Posted by Gilroy Well beagles can be a whole lot of fun however like eveything else they come with advantages and disadvantages as hunting companions and pets. The pros are they are easy to keep health wise, can be excellent on rabbits and hare, will flush pheasants. The cons these days are places to hunt where they can run without trespass issues, they tend to hunt for themselves and dont,t always want to stop when you do. The field trials are good if this is what you are into but the dogs for hunting are way to slow. A good hunting dog will by pass a a rabbit and simply air scent where it went, making for a much faster and exciting hunt. Other draw backs to beagles is that in a busy neighborhood they are a bit vocal and of course hopeless on a leash for walking. I'm on my third beagle going back to 1990, Barking wasn't a problem with any of them. The first two were kennel dogs The current one is a house dog. They were all leashed trained - although the current one needs spiked collar - she's only 3 1/2 and still has too much energy. If you leash train them completely, they are ruined for tracking on a leash though, so be careful with that. They do need big space to run free. I've had a GPS tracking collar since 2012, and use it a construction of the current one needs spiked collar - she's only 3 1/2 and still has too much energy. If you leash though, so be careful with that. They do need big space to run free. I've had a GPS tracking collar - she's only 3 1/2 and still has too much energy. If you leash though, so be careful with that. They are ruined for tracking collar - she's only 3 1/2 and still has too much energy. If you leash though the current one needs spiked collar - she's only 3 1/2 and still has too much energy. 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The trials are interesting... the dogs must follow ground scent. If they are air scenting and running off the track, that's bad. May 1st, 2025,05:23 PM #5 Last edited by swampsinger; June 16th, 2025 at 02:59 PM. May 2nd, 2025,03:19 PM #6 Very well said. "We are more than our gender, skin color, class, sexuality or age; we are unlimited potential, and can not be defined by one label." quote A. Bartlett April 22nd, 2023,02:48 PM #1 Last edited by finsfurfeathers; April 9th, 2025 at 12:20 PM. Time in the outdoors is never wasted April 22nd, 2023,02:48 PM #1 Last edited by finsfurfeathers; April 9th, 2025 at 12:20 PM. Time in the outdoors is never wasted April 22nd, 2023,02:48 PM #1 Last edited by finsfurfeathers; April 9th, 2025 at 12:20 PM. Time in the outdoors is never wasted April 22nd, 2023,02:48 PM #1 Last edited by finsfurfeathers; April 9th, 2025 at 12:20 PM. 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One Shot = One Kill May 9th, 2025,09:24 AM #1 Municipality of West Grey has voted against allowing Sunday gun hunting, bucking a growing trend in southern Ontario. What can I but enumerate old themes, First that sea-rider Oisin led by the nose Through three enchanted islands allegorical dreams, Vain gaiety, vain battle, vain repose, Themes of the embittered heart, or so it seems. -- "The Circus Animals Desertion" by William Butler Yeats May 9th, 2025,09:24 AM # ADS May 9th, 2025,11:47 AM #2 You can lead a horse to water...... If a tree falls on your ex in the woods and nobody hears it, you should probably still get rid of your chainsaw. Just sayin'.... May 13th, 2025,04:33 PM #3 Wrong crowd living there. A true sportsman counts his achievements in proportion to the effort involved and the fairness of the sport. - S. Pope May 15th, 2025,08:52 AM #4 Originally Posted by Sam Menard Wrong crowd living there. West Grey is very close to the GTA area now and much more built up than it was 30 years agoi when I used to hunt up there. So urban sprawl with thousands of folks moving up from the city and many cottagers has changed the whole dynamic for the hunting scene. Almost all that area is private land, so it really limits the hunting opportunities. The council is merely reflecting the wishes of the voters who they feel they have to appease. Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends. There are no strangers here, Only friends you haven't yet met. William Yeats. May 15th, 2025,11:44 AM #5 Originally Posted by Gilroy West Grey is very close to the GTA area now and much more built up than it was 30 years agoi when I used to hunt up there. So urban sprawl with thousands of folks moving up from the city and many cottagers has changed the whole dynamic for the hunting scene. Almost all that area is private land, so it really limits the hunting scene. 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I think it is religious people as believe is or not many of those new 1500 to 2000 people are Mennonite farmers moving north from their traditional areas north of KW. Funny story - I am one of the only non-Mennonite guys with permission to hunt some of their farms - but not on Sundays LOL. Driving down the road and a bunch of live stock was loose on the road. Pulled into the farm where believe they originated. Knocked on the door and an old Mennonite farmer with a walker answered. Sure enough they were his animals. None of his sons were around but his grandkids were. So i went out with a pack of a dozen or so 8 to 12 year old kids and between us we rounded up all his critters. He was grateful and i felt emboldened to ask and was granted permission to hunt his bush. As for public hunting land you are more or less correct but there is 40,000 acres of free public land on SVCA and Grey mind you but in the vicinity (like within 10 minutes). As for GTA style urban sprawl it is just now encroaching on the SE corner of Grey County around Dundalk. This is still 30 minutes southeast of West Grey but eventually it will come just not there yet. My guess is another 20 years. Anecdotally in the last 15 years i have seen two new houses built on the 20 km of road between my place and Highway 10. That 20 km is split about 60/40 between paved and gravel. Last edited by Species8472; May 15th, 2025 at 09:49 PM. The wilderness is not a stadium where I satisfy my ambition to achieve, it is the cathedral where I worship. May 16th, 2025,06:34 AM #7 Originally Posted by Species8472 I own property in West Grey (100 acres on the Saugeen about 5 miles ENE of Durham). 30 years ago the population for the entire township was 11,500 people. Now it is around 13,000 to 13,500 - so 1,500 to 2,000 more people than 30 years ago - not the kind of rampant growth you are talking about. I know this area fairly well and he may have confused the municipality of West Grey with Grey County, not so much in the Municipality of West Grey. The ban on Sunday hunting in West Grey isn't about the hunting, it's about the Sunday. May 17th, 2025,05:17 PM #8 The Municipality of West Grey isn't about the hunting, it's about the Sunday. May 17th, 2025,05:17 PM #8 The Municipality of West Grey isn't about the Sunday. where over 190 municipalities have approved Sunday hunting to provide more opportunities for hunters and support local economies . March 31st, 2025,05:12 PM # ADS March 31st, 202505:12 PM # ADS March 2025,05:20 PM #2 Sit down against a big tree, sit still and dont call too much. April 2nd, 2025,07:45 AM #3 Originally Posted by Domi I'm thinking of trying to hunt for spring turkey. Anyone have any advice for a newbie?Sent from my SM-G990W using Tapatalk Pre-season scouting is super critical (ideally find 2-3 spots where Turkeys frequent) Identify approximate roost area and routine- means revisit those spots on sunrise/sunset and Good places to find is where Turkeys go to drink water - you relocate late morning During hunt: If you happen to hunt close to roost: When toms wake on tree, they will gobble for a while before fly down. Don't call too much during this period, just let him know that you are around (some yelps and then occasional clucks) - too much calling will keep him tree longer expecting hen comes to him Calls: clucks and yelps is enough, pot call is good enough. The general strategy: when gobbler first responds in distance, sound excited, as starts to approach - quite down and less calling to avoid him hanging up If he starts approaching and goes fully quiet, so should you (maybe occasional clucks) and don't move for at least an hour as he might take long to go find you- that's the hard part for me personally, cuz naturally one wants to know where he is at all timesI thinks. I heard primos guy say a very wise thing on YouTube at some point - successful is turkey hunt usually results in knowing when to shut up [emoji12] Last edited by newbiehunter; April 2nd, 2025,08:17 AM #4 Originally Posted by Domi I'm thinking of trying to hunt for spring turkey. Anyone have any advice for a newbie? Sent from my SM-G990W using Tapatalk Good advice so far. I'll add two rookie mistakes (and I'll admit still can happen to me). Movement ends a hunt faster then anything. Look with your ears and only move the eyes. If you can see a bird he has already seen you. 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So easy to be mesmerized by his song and dance that when it comes time to pull the trigger you may find your self shooting at the bird and not aiming at the neck/head. to add when you have your spot, you might want to place some small branches upright into the ground at the 30-40yd mark so you have a good idea of how close/far your tom is away...and expect the unexpected when it comes to huntingps. not all toms are vocal April 8th, 2025,11:40 AM #6 Great tips!Also, windy days are more forgiving if you happen to make any small movement. Just do it VERY slowly. On calm days, you gotta pretend youre a stone and NO movement! Have your gun braced and positioned for a shot, so gun movement doesn't spook the bird. On rainy days, field edges of wooded areas may be better than inside wooded areas, as birds seem to want better visibility, since the rain may impair their ability to see/hear predators. April 8th, 2025,01:07 PM #7 Pre-season scouting is important. You won't be successful if you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. If you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. If you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. If you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. If you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. coffee, not smokes, no snacks. Turkey's have better vision than a deer and if they see you they won't be back the same day. If you're not in a blind, don't get the turkeys in too close (inside 25 yards) or they will notice you. The issue is if you get hens in too close and they spook, that can chase away a tom before he gets close enough. Decoys work - I use a hen and a jake. Practice you calling before, not on, opening day. April 9th, 2025,01:46 PM #8 Strutter decoy is key to non veteran hunters, they work more then not and calling isn't necessary using them. Don't give up after few hours off the roost, we kill piles of turkeys between 10 and 2, Id say out of my group of friends 50 percent or more die in that time frame. You will be told to stay put and don't over call, but like any animal some like aggressive and lots of calling, they may come faster and harder, while sometimes that may make them hang up. They are all different and over time you find out how to read a birds attitudes with lots of experienceDo not be scared to make a mistake, best way to learn and most times. What works on a 2 year old tom may not work on a older bird specially once pressured. If you bust one walking in mid morning don't just give up and leave, They get spooked by farmers all the time. Give it half hour start calling sometimes they come back, has happened more then once April 9th, 2025,04:50 PM #9 There are no set rules to follow when turkey hunting. Some times calling a lot works and sometimes little calling works. 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Also, windy days are more forgiving if you happen to make any small movements.just do it VERY slowly. On calm days, you gotta pretend youre a stone and NO movement!Have your gun braced and positioned for a shot, so gun movement doesnt spook the bird. On rainy days, field edges of wooded areas may be better than inside wooded areas, as birds seem to want better visibility, since the rain may impair their ability to see/hear predators. April 8th, 2025,01:07 PM #7 Pre-season scouting is important. You won't be successful if you're hunting where there are no birds. I'd recommend a blind. If you're outside of a blind, you'll need to stay absolutely motionless. No playing with the cell phone, no coffee, not smokes, no snacks. Turkey's have better vision than a deer and if they see you they won't be back the same day. If you're not in a blind, don't get the turkeys in too close (inside 25 yards) or they will notice you. The issue is if you get hens in too close and they spook, that can chase away a tom before he gets close enough. Decoys work - I use a hen and a jake. Practice you calling before, not on, opening day. April 9th, 2025,01:46 PM #8 Strutter decoy is key to non veteran hunters. they work more then not and calling isn't necessary using them.Don't give up after few hours off the roost, we kill piles of turkeys between 10 and 2, Id say out of my group of friends 50 percent or more die in that time frame.You will be told to stay put and don't over call, but like any animal some like aggressive and lots of calling, they may come faster and harder, while sometimes that may make them hang up. They are all different and over time you find out how to read a birds attitudes with lots of experienceDo not be scared to make a mistake, best way to learn and most times. What works on a 2 year old tom may not work on a older bird specially once pressured. 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I love it and never had a problem. Super Moderator Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: Trumbull County, Ohio Posts: 9,821 Modern ammo, chokes, etc your not giving up anything going to a 20ga. Lots of guys getting it done with the .410 too. - jake Super Moderator Join Date: Jan 2004 Location: Wisconsin Posts: 7,464 I've harvested birds with 10, 12, 20, and now use a 410 in both a single shot - shotgun and a revolver (whete legs to use)Just know your pattern.and maximum range. That gives you the confidence to hunt effectively. Firearms12 GaBenelli Super Eagle (3.5" craze not needed!)Remington 870, Remington 11-87 3"Remington 11-87 3"Remington 870, Remington 11-87 3"Remington 11-87 3"Remington 11-87 3"Remington 11-87 3"Remington 870, Remington 870, Remington 11-87 3"Remington 870, Remington 870, Re 9.5 Shot 7/8s load or more if I can get it. That single 410 - i pushed the limits and dropped a bird at 51 yds with basically no flop. That's what TSS can fo for you. Model 301 410 and with TSS. Taurus Judge 410 revolver. on the wild sideI've used 4 different black powder shotguns with success.copper plated #4 shot. JW Spike Join Date: Mar 2020 Location: Burlington Posts: 24 With todays guns and ammo 20ga is the way to go. Similar knockdown power and lighter to carry I shoot a Benelli Super Nova Steady Grip with an Indian Creek Choke and when I could find them in Canada used HEVI13 3" 2oz #6 and they patterned amazing in my gun. At 40 yds and a 10" circle I was getting 162 hits but my buddy using the the same gun in 20ga (non steady grip) was getting a slightly less hit count at the same knockdown as dead bird. When Hevi13 because harder to find I tried 4-5 different turkey loads and found that Winchester Long Beard 3" 1-3/4oz #6 patterned very good. I do not think it had the same knockdown as HEVI13 but never had a bird walk away from a shot. Attached Thumbnails Boone & Crockett Join Date: Jan 2004 Location: Eastern PA Posts: 12,805 I've hunted turkey for years now with a Rem 870 Youth model in 20 ga. I rolled big eastern toms at 40 yds using Winchester Supreme 3" #5s. The TSS shot would be even more effective. Another plus is the little 870 is a joy to carry and easy to shoulder when hunched up with your back against a tree. March 31st, 2025,07:49 AM #1 March 31st, 2025,07:49 AM #2 Thanks for the heads up, will work on adding them to Smartout Forum Hunt Ontario Hunting 101 This is our main discussion area for all your general hunting related queries and comments. Forum Hunt Ontario Hunting 101 All times are GMT -5. The time now is 01:27 AM. March 23rd, 2025,06:01 PM #1 Anyone use an e-bike for hunting? If so any recommendations for or against a brand? Any other advice would be welcome. I'm in SW Ontario so not a lot of really large forests but I would use it for just tooling around also. 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