

Features



6 THE 3 MONTH STAG - John-Luke Shelley

Now I could make out two brow tines, the back of the head and two giant antlers stretching up into the tea tree. He was completely motionless.

12 DO SAMBAR STAGS BELLOW - Errol Mason

He walked in and saw two mature stags bellowing at each other, tails raised and hair erect, tongue lolling, pawing the ground during the whole display.

16 SAMBAR V MACROPODS - Errol Mason

How do sambar respond to kangaroos? Do they take off when roos hop past them? And what about wallabies?

20 WARM WEATHER STAGS - Clint Collings

With the temperature getting up into the high 20s at midday, I decided to try a rock face overlooking a wallow on the river and a south facing gully head.

24 HOW SAMBAR COPE WHEN THE MERCURY SOARS - Errol Mason

When the temperature reaches 30°C and higher sambar will drink daily and spend the day bedded in heavy shade near water.

28 ANIMAL INTRIGUE - Errol Mason

After fighting bipedally the chital stags parted. The victor stood his ground as the loser trotted back towards the herd.

38 DEER V TIGER - Gobind Bhardwaj

Living in herds is a great survival strategy as so many alert eyes, ears and noses leave no chance for predator to lurk around unobtrusively.

50 BUSHCRAFT - Bob Gough

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54 THE BLACKBERRY PATCH - Dick Power

Moving one step higher up I could just see the tops of the blackberries waver as he pulled at the long canes, confirming that he was located in a little side cut - but still just out of sight.

72 CORRYONG SAMBAR - Mark Kelly

As a result of observing sambar over many decades and in vastly different conditions, Errol has discovered that much of their behavior is predictable.

78 THE 476M BUCK - Andrew Winwood

We had spent countless hours testing loads and ranges in both still and windy conditions similar to what we had that evening so we were confident that we knew how far this cross wind would affect our shot.

84 WELL DONE OR DONE WELL? - Tim Ebert

The thing that makes this dish wonderful is the contrast of sweet, sour, hot and umami tastes. Fresh fragrant herbs and the mix of textures from toasted peanuts and bean sprouts to the juicy venison is also a big component.

94 THE ROE DEER OF WEST WOODS - John Roberts

Hunting from high seats is a traditional hunting method throughout Europe. The live weight of a mature roe buck is a mere 18 kg.

106 MONARCH OF THE GRAMPIANS - Peter Izzard

They will cover large territories and it is nothing for them to walk up to 15kms in their daily routine from where they bed to where they feed.



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Clint Collings with his magical 30" stag.

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