

The REDNECK DIARIES

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Part of my personality is to always tell a story, as accurately as possible. It always bothers me when I can't remember a detail and have to say "about" or "approximately," rather than to provide real data. No one who knows Larry Potterfield would be surprised to see me waiving around a piece of paper called the Redneck Diary and reading out loud about the deer, turkeys and coyotes I saw from a particular deer stand — and what time.

There was no such thing as a Redneck stand when my deer hunting career got started; they're a modern-day convenience. And convenience they are; windproof and rainproof. I normally carry in a heater (when it's cold) — and stay a few hours at a time; but with some food, water and a sleeping bag, you could practically live in one. It's fair to say that I'm

spoiled and don't know if I'll ever return to a conventional ladder stand.

It seems a shame not to document the details of a hunt — things like the date, weather,

location and any guest(s). But, equally important is what I see and when — even details of the bucks; for instance, "medium 8 pointer, broken G2 on the right side." That way I'll know if he is the same one that comes out later.

I'm not an "all-day" deer hunter, but like to stay in the stand till mid or late morning, take a break and return in the middle of the afternoon. It's dark when I climb in of a morning, so there isn't anything to see until first light; in the afternoon often I'll bump deer on the way to the



The Redneck stand is a comfortable place to spend all morning, all afternoon or all day.

stand or they will be in the food plot when I arrive. Writing everything down is a bit of a challenge; you have to be looking all around, all the time — and looking hard. There are times when a deer is in sight for only a few seconds, and he might be the shooter I'm looking for.

The actual recording of the data is simple but

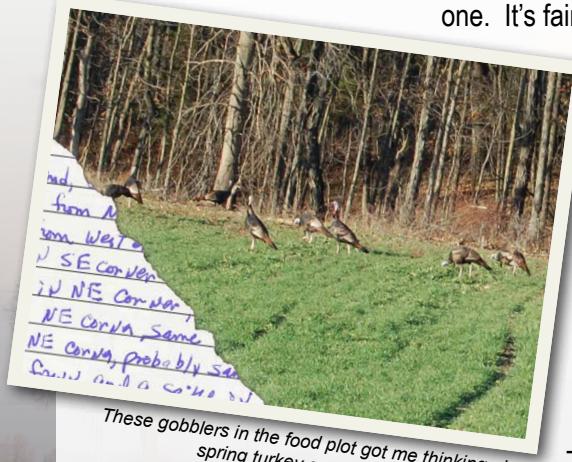
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not easy; sometimes things are happening faster than I can write them down. The binoculars are always in hand, so after I've looked things over, it's time to grab the clipboard and write everything down. Even if I don't fire a shot, there's always a souvenir of the hunt — the Redneck Diary.

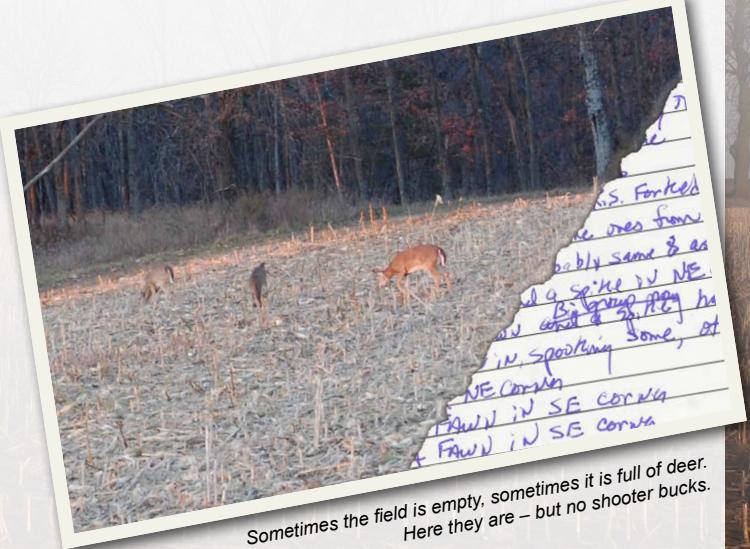
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Raymond's Food Plot
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These gobblers in the food plot got me thinking about spring turkey season — five months away.



*Sometimes the field is empty, sometimes it is full of deer.
Here they are — but no shooter bucks.*