

Fish & Wildlife Library - Book Review

"The Deer of North America"

□ The Fish and Wildlife department recently purchased a copy of the updated and expanded edition of Leonard Lee Rue III's "The Deer of North America." The book is offered by the Outdoor Life Book Club and is a welcome addition to the department's library. This photography packed reference guide is recognized as the definitive book on North American deer species.

Leonard Lee Rue III is considered by many to be one of the world's best wildlife photojournalists. Rue has spent his entire lifetime researching deer in North America and his book contains nearly 300 photographs detailing many facets of a deer's life and their environment.

The text of this updated edition is more complete and comprehensive than the original edition. The author describes physical characteristics of the many different deer species and sub-species and also their behaviors from season to season and year to year.

After reading through this book, I recommend that anyone interested in deer will find Rue's "The Deer of North America" interesting reading. Rue relates numerous facts and insights he has observed in the text and his superior photography sets this book apart from deer hunting guides. The author also devoted much of the book to illustrate how politics, misinformation and mismanagement have worked against the enhancement of deer populations. He discusses the importance of habitat management and the threat's posed by civilization's continued encroachment on the natural world. Check this extraordinary book out from the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife library anytime during regular business hours. Reviewers are calling it one of the best references on North American deer. Here's what they're saying:

"For people who enjoy interesting nature writing, for those interested in deer or those who react positively to excellent pictures of wildlife, this book is for them... Leonard Lee Rue III has many outstanding books to his credit... but this is one of his most ambitious and probably his best book to date."

-The Conservationist

"No one but an extraordinary naturalist, photographer, and writer could have done this book, which is surely destined to become the standard reference on North American deer."

-California Wildlife

"It's the best book I've seen on the subject of deer in 20 years."

-Jim Bashline, The Philadelphia Inquirer

"As with any book by Rue, this one is a masterpiece in photography... The photographs are superb... incomparable... It is probably the best illustrated wildlife book around."

-Outdoor News Bulletin

"Rue, a naturalist-photographer, has done a superb job of discussing the natural history of the deer of this continent. His book is divided into three major sections--The Animal and Its Behavior, How the Year Goes, and Toward Sound Deer Management--and within these sections Rue gives you a very simple-to-understand insight into the world of the most sought-after big-game family in North America."

-Glenn L. Sapir, Field and Stream

"In this unsentimental monograph, [Rue] examines the physiology and ecological adaptations of blacktail, mule and whitetail deer (the last more numerous today than in colonial times) to develop affirmative conservation/management policies... some of these will, no doubt, raise the hackles of people still blinded by the 'Bambi syndrome.'"

-Los Angeles Times

Fish & Wildlife Library - Video Review

"Bowhunting for Whitetail Deer"

Bowhunting is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States at this time, and the Tribal Fish & Wildlife department has a copy of "Bowhunting for Whitetail Deer" available to be checked out now.

"Bowhunting for Whitetail Deer" is an award winning video tape produced by 3M Leisure Time Products in association with Easton Aluminum and Hoyt/Easton USA. The video is narrated by respected bowhunting authority Jim Dougherty.

Dougherty, who teaches archery skills and strategies, holds many world records for bowhunting and translates his abilities to videotape so you the viewer can get a first hand look at the most successful ways to bag your next deer with a bow and arrow. Dougherty explains the

proper attitude for bowhunting, how to choose and maintain the right equipment, proper physical conditioning and scouting and selecting a good hunting site.

Dougherty also discusses the proper way to practice within the "vital range" and he also details the responsibilities of hunters. 3M's "Bowhunting" takes you along with Dougherty on an actual bowhunting expedition. "Bowhunting" shows you concepts and strategies that you can apply to your own hunting expeditions. The challenge is between you and the deer.

"Bowhunting for Whitetail Deer" was honored in 1987 with 1986-87 Teddy Award for "Best Hunting Video" and it also gained the 1986 International Film and TV Festival Award Winner.

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