

TIME

Void for Hunters

and more well known deer hotspots in the Western states.

Hunting in Alaska, by Christopher Batin

Wow! What a great guide for anyone contemplating a hunting trip to the 49th State! Batin, known to *WESTERN OUTDOORS*® readers as this publication's Alaska state editor, really knows his stuff, and puts it all together into one outstanding book.

Batin not only discusses the various species and how and where they are hunted, but includes anecdotes from actual hunts he has experienced. His tips are both solid and easy to understand. It makes sense that the book would work — after all, Batin is an Alaskan, so he is talking about spots that are familiar to him.

Even those who do not plan a trip to Alaska soon can find entertaining reading in this book because it also serves as a guide into dreamland. Photos and maps peppered throughout the book bring everything alive. It makes one want to go to Alaska. Or, it makes others certain they must return.

The 416-page paperbound volume is



ers still can find action — and knowledge. All are reviewed in this column.

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Grits on Guns by Grits Gresham

Here is a book that any serious shooter or gun enthusiast should consider required reading. To a large degree, the book is a compilation of columns Grits has written through the years, but it is much more than that because when needed, those works have been updated and expanded for the book.

Perhaps no other gun writer in the history of the business has become so well known outside the gun world. Grits Gresham is a household name and personality around the country as a result of his television programs, outdoor videos and commercials.

What is most impressive about Grits' new book is that the subjects are covered via the perspective of one who has been there — who has done it himself.

To round things out, the foreword of the book was done by Grits' pal, Gen. Chuck Yeager. Yes, this is big league stuff.

"Grits on Guns" is published by Cane River Publishing of Prescott, Arizona, and is available through The Outdoor Store, P.O. Box 2027, Newport Beach, CA 92659-1027.

For fans of Grits, The Outdoor Store is also currently offering three of his videos — a series from Sportsmen on Film entitled "Grits Gresham on Pheasant Hunting," "Grits Gresham on Duck Hunting" and "Grits Gresham on Goose Hunting."

Video Reviews

"Rocky Mountain Elk, Their Life Story," a Stoney-Wolf Video, is much more than just a hunting video. It focuses on the life cycle of elk, and provides a wealth of information about the species which can make anyone a more effective hunter of these majestic animals.

Photographers Gary Holmes and Ed Wolff have recorded breathtaking footage of the Rocky Mountain elk's life story from birth to death. After viewing this 45-minute VHS video, the hunter comes

away feeling he or she knows elk on much more personal basis.

And, hunters with a good work knowledge of any species' habits, abilities and limitations have an edge over those who don't. This is an extremely worthwhile addition to any video library, and available through The Outdoor Store.

"Elk Hunting in the Rocky Mountain West," also a Stoney-Wolf Video, is another great effort by Ed Wolff and Gary Holmes. Unlike their "life story" tape, this 54-minute epic concentrates on the actual hunting of elk.

Again, there is outstanding footage of elk in the wild, coupled with the kind of tips generally available only from professional guides on custom hunts. Now, with videos like this one, hunters can achieve familiarity with both elk and their habits that otherwise could take seasons of hunting in the wilds to accumulate.

This video is also available through The Outdoor Store.

"How to Talk to the Elk," an Eastman Outdoor World presentation, is a "must-have" item for any serious elk hunter, for any hunter who plans to take a crack at one of North America's most regal game animals.

In the 60-minute tape, elk calling expert Don Laubach is shown doing what before may have been considered the impossible. He calls elk from the wooded areas, and from across a mountain — even out in the open sage!

By using his new concept in elk bugling, Laubach explains how hunters can learn to bring the beautiful animals into close range situations — close enough for bow hunters, handgun hunters and any rifle hunter.

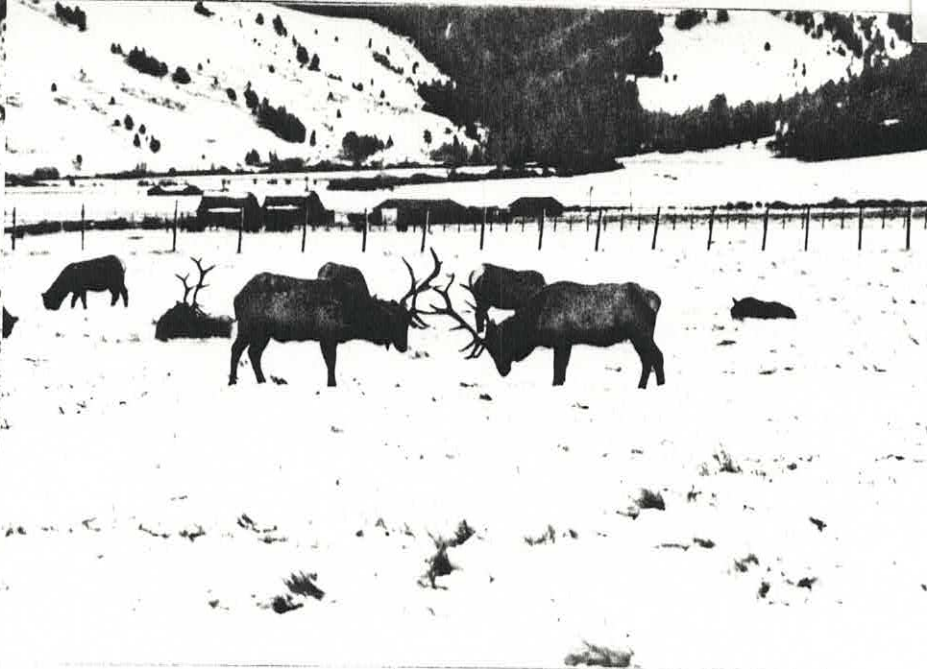
He uses what he calls "cow talk," and that technique, coupled with the normal types of bull bugling, is awesome. What's handy about using "cow talk" or "cat talk," he explains, is that those sounds work year-round, not just during the "bugling season." And, it works. Don has taken 11 elk in 11 seasons with a bow.

The video is a product of Eastman International Film Distribution, Inc., and is available through The Outdoor Store.

"Late Season Elk Hunting with Jim Zumbo," a 36-minute Sportsmen on Film presentation, divides the elk hunting season into three segments — bugling season, transition season, and late season.

Unlike many elk hunting treatments, Zumbo focuses on late season hunting, showing how to stalk to within 100 yards of a six-point bull.

This video is a product of Sportsmen on Film of Tarzana, California, and is available through The Outdoor Store. We



MOST ADULTS ABLE TO DETECT
16 TO 20,000 CYCLES (VIBRATIONS) PER SECOND

SILENT DOG WHISTLE

PEOPLE MISS OUT ON REALLY HIGH-FREQUENCY
SOUNDS THAT ANIMALS CAN HEAR.

CATS ARE GOOD - MICE UTTER HIGH-PITCHED SQUEAKS
THAT ARE INAUDIBLE TO YOU

HUMANS CANNOT HEAR BELOW 16 CYCLES

SOUNDS CARRY FARTHER IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE
THERE IS LITTLE AMBIENT NOISE.

PITCH - NUMBER OF VIBRATIONS OF SOUND WAVES EACH SECOND
VOLUME - INTENSITY - LOUDNESS (DECIBEL - IS A UNIT FOR MEASURING LOUDNESS)
QUALITY - TONE