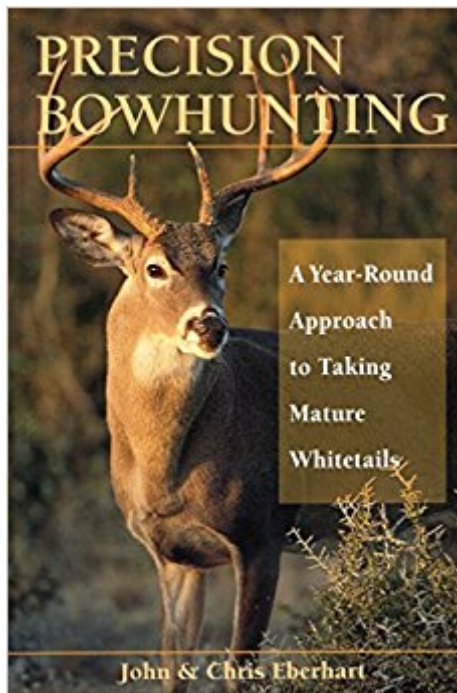




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Precision Bowhunting: A Year-Round Approach To Taking Mature Whitetails



Synopsis

Another must-have title from the authors of the bestselling *Bowhunting Pressured Whitetails* (0-8117-2819-6) Lays out a hunting program for the entire year, including preparation and training during the off-season Especially useful for hunting high-pressure areas and it explains how to best take advantage of the rut Father-and-son team John and Chris Eberhart have joined once again to share cutting-edge information and advice on hunting whitetail bucks in increasingly hard-hunted environments. Their year-long program starts early in the off-season, where careful scouting, training, and planning create the foundation for a successful hunting year. Then, once the fall rolls around, the authors explain the scent control and scouting tactics that have helped them to bag trophy bucks in some of the most pressured parts of the country. They also cover hunting in the rain, suburban hunting, and various other special situations. Packed with vital information and fresh insights, *Precision Bowhunting* belongs on the bookshelf of every serious bowhunter.

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Customer Reviews

John Eberhart is an experienced whitetail deer hunter from the heavily hunted state of Michigan, where he has twenty-one state record bucks. His articles have appeared in *Deer & Deer Hunting*, *Woods-n-Water*, and *Michigan Out-of-Doors*. Visit www.eberhartsbowhunting.com. Chris Eberhart is a lifelong bowhunter and author of numerous hunting articles. Visit www.eberhartsbowhunting.com.

While reading this book I realized that this book is not for all bow hunters...at least until they are willing to put down their guard and listen. I came to this conclusion while discussing the book with a few fellow bow hunters. Certain topics I brought up during our discussion they found to be excessive

or not necessary, or just plain wrong, while I could see the true value and necessity. So, here I thought they would be excited at what I had learned. Now these are not guys I hunt with, which is probably a good thing. I don't want them in any of my stands. If you are going to commit to being a successful hunter, you need to put yourself in the best position possible. This book IS for the hunter that can be critical of their own hunting practices and experiences, compare them to what the authors are presenting, and align themselves to be a better hunter. This book is a must for the serious hunter who wants to challenge what they believe about hunting. This is a technical book that has plenty of first person accounts blended in to make it truly interesting. Yes, it has several pics of beautiful deer that were harvested, but they do not distract from the reading. I went back and looked at all the pics when I finished reading the book. This book will stay in my library and be shared with my three sons when the time is right.

I looked at this book several times over the last year, and kept deciding to purchase other hunting books (usually because other titles were cheaper). I really wish I would have gone ahead and pulled the trigger on this one from the get-go. This is kind of the goldilocks of whitetail books – it is just right. Meaning it is not worthless commercial dribble that you expect from the hunting shows attempting to sell the gimmick of the week; it's not the typical cookie cutter outdoor writer formula where they compile their same old tired Outdoor Life articles repackaged as a book; nor is it the romanticized rantings of some wannabe Indian tracker who attempts to project abstract thinking abilities on a prey animal. If that is what the book isn't, how about what it is? Well, simply it is pretty well written, informative, and entertaining advice and knowledge regarding whitetail behavior and more effective ways to hunt mature whitetails. I have not read any of the other Eberhart books, so I cannot compare and contrast this book to the others. I can say that I do like the format of this book, and the month by month organization is a really good reference tool for hunting, scouting and prep work. I found this book to be in the more sensible middle than several other whitetail texts I have recently read, as well. For example, one of the books I enjoyed last year was "Whitetails – A Research Based Hunting Model" by Dr. Robert Sheppard. One of Dr. Sheppard's main points was not to overhunt stands, and he vehemently supported only hunting a stand site once a season. While the Eberharts also emphasize not overhunting an area, they are more sensible in the approach. In fact, they advise that there are times when you should definitely re-hunt stand areas – not only in the same season, but at times on back to back days. While I certainly support not overpressuring an area, the one hunt rule just seemed foolish to me, and doesn't align with my own experiences. I've killed several bucks

that I certainly would never have harvested if I had given up on a stand after a single hunt. I heartily agree with the Eberhart method of intense scouting and stand site prep in the winter post season, instead of the late summer/early fall preseason. Scouting and prepping in winter really helps relieve perceived pressure on the deer, as they have all summer to forget about human presence. It is also much easier to find scrapes, rubs, and trails during winter when the rut sign is reasonably fresh, and the vegetation is thinned out allowing much better visibility. Of course, the Eberharts have snow to deal with in Michigan, but snow cover is a rarity in the mid-South where I hunt. The authors really stress scent control, and give a great deal of good advice on managing the issue. They are believers in hunting high, which I also buy into, but the 25' to 30 ft stand heights they describe do create some extreme angles for bowhunters. They are also strong proponents of saddle hunting (that is, using the arborists type harness saddles as tree stands). This does create extreme mobility and flexibility in stand sites. Dr. Sheppard recommended a similar tactic in his book. The Eberharts were at one time advisors on the now defunct Tree Saddle, which can still be occasionally found on eBay but is no longer manufactured. New Tribe arborist equipment is making a similar model to the Tree Saddle called the Aero Hunter Evolution. I myself have converted to a saddle type stand called Guido's Web. It is bulkier than the Tree Saddle and Aero Hunter, but is much more comfortable. There is some fluff and filler in the book, but I have found myself highlighting and revisiting several portions of the book. It is billed as a bowhunting book, and that is certainly what it was written for, but it applies just as well to rifle hunting. Many concepts may be less important for rifle hunters who are glassing huge fields, but for those gun hunters in the woods, these concepts are just as important as they are for the bowhunter when the target quarry is mature bucks. I recommend the purchase.

This is the most comprehensive book I have read for the serious bow hunter of mature whitetails. Not only does it cover all the standard info and some great hunting stories, Precision Bowhunting contains dozens of unique observations and experiences not encountered elsewhere. In addition, the year-long approach toward bowhunting and chronological organization of information makes a lot of sense, and is easy to understand and implement. I was very happy with this book.

I really enjoyed this book. The author obviously has a deep understanding of the intricacies of bowhunting for whitetail deer. I highly recommend this for the novice or expert Hunter. You are certain to walk away with something valuable to improve your hunting.

My favorite book on hunting so far. Precision is the key word as these authors have clearly put a lot of thought and time into patterning whitetails. I have been hunting for 15 years and still found a few tips in here that I didn't know. I have read this book twice this year before hunting season started.

This is a decent book and not you're everyday "hunt here, like this and kill huge bucks like me, see look at this picture" kind of book. It's a more down to earth way of hunting for real folks hunting real land. I may not ever kill a 200 buck but that doesn't mean I won't kill a trophy.

This book on whitetail hunting is a great way to pickup the best way to find that mature deer you've been looking for all these years, This will help any hunter not just the bowhunter, it will teach you what to look for and how to do it. The avid hunter will certainly find the information in this book helpful. It has taught me a lot and is well worth the time and money.

The finest book I've read on bowhunting deer. Looks past the run of the mill hunting methods and provides vital info on actual hunting conditions. John should have his own tv show. Far more than a sit in the woods and rattle every 5 minutes book. Get this book if you want to actually get serious about hunting. Covers scouting, setup, hunting methods and more. If you only want to get one of John's books make it this one. He basically expands on the first book's info in this one. I recommend reading both books though. Great reading!

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