

White-tailed Deer Camera Survey

Year _____

Ranch: _____ Acres Surveyed: _____
 County: _____ Number of Cameras: _____
 Survey Start Date: _____ Number of survey Days: _____
 Survey End Date: _____ Number of Photos: _____

CAMERA STATION	TOTAL BUCK PHOTOS	TOTAL DOE PHOTOS	TOTAL FAWN PHOTOS	TOTAL
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If the Total Buck Photos, How Many Individual Bucks Are There? _____

INSTRUCTIONS

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- Conduct surveys **during late August and early September** (the period when fawns are active but still small enough to be identified, and bucks have neared the end of antler growth).

- Use 1 camera per 100-200 acres. **The ideal camera survey consist of 1 camera per 100 acres of habitat.** If camera numbers are limited, rotate each camera to a new station after each survey period for up to 4 stations per camera. Keep in mind that cameras should be evenly dispersed over the entire area for each survey period.

- Place a camera at pre-baited (4-6 days) feed sites.

- Set the camera to record date and time with a 10-minute delay between pictures. Feel free to set the number of shots taken for each activation period to as many as the camera allows. Doing so will increase the number of photos you have to look through but you may get a better shot to identify bucks with.

- Operate cameras for 10-14 days in the same location.

- After 10-14 days, analyze the photos to determine total number of photos of individual bucks, and the total number of buck, doe and fawn photos. Do not include unidentifiable deer

- Record all data on the data sheet provided and submit this information along with the Herd Composition Data to your biologist.**

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