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DEER OF THE WORLD: THEIR EVOLUTION, BEHAVIOR, AND ECOLOGY

by Valerius Geist

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Dr. Val Geist, a professional member of the Boone and Crockett Club, has proven himself among the most innovative, daring, and productive wildlife professionals active today. In this book he has the daring to treat the evolution of the deer family with emphasis on food habits, reproduction, behavior (antipredator, social - with emphasis on dominance displays), and ecology. I found the book fascinating and ended up reading the entire tome in one long and fascinating day.

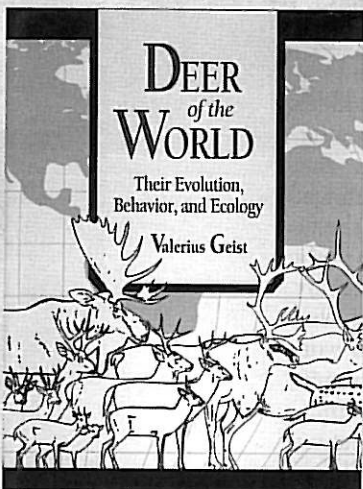
Ungulate ecologists will find the book a storehouse of information and, in some cases, a challenge to conventional thinking. This is also a book for lay persons with a keen interest in the deer family and how individual species evolved to fit habitats and circumstances of predation around the world. In some places, non-biologists will find the going hard. But, I think those blessed with a fascination for deer of all types in a myriad of habitats and circumstances will find the effort well worth while.

I found myself particularly enthralled with Dr. Geist's hypotheses concerning the development of various behaviors exhibited by different species to avoid different predators in different habitats. Once again, Val Geist dares go where others fear to tread to ascribe reasons and logic to observed behaviors and how and why they differ between species. This is an aspect of evolutionary development that has received too little attention given the more common focus on morphological conditions.

In short, I highly recommend *Deer of the World* to both my biologist friends with an interest in the deer family and to my fellow hunters that pursue and treasure deer in all their manifestations.

Jack Ward Thomas, Ph.D.

Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation



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Winifred Kessler, B&C professional member, went to Texas in September to present an invited paper at the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting. While there, she received the Society's 1999 Special Recognition Service Award for "Outstanding service to wildlife conservation through research, management, and education." The Wildlife Society is a professional and scientific organization of 10,500 members in 53 countries.

Dr. Paul Krausman, B&C professional member, was awarded the O.C. "Charlie" Wallmo Award at the 1999 Western States and Provinces Mule Deer and Elk Workshop. The Wallmo Award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to improving the knowledge and management of mule and blacktail deer. Dr. Krausman was lauded for his research work on mule deer and his mentorship of the numerous graduate students who received advanced degrees while working to advance mule deer management science.

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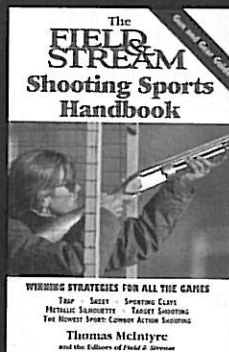
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THE FIELD & STREAM SHOOTING SPORTS HANDBOOK

By Tom McIntyre, B&C Professional Member

This 100+ page guide is designed for both the beginner, interested in being introduced to the shooting sports through an overview of the major games and disciplines, and for the more advanced shooter looking for tips to improve their performance on the firing line. Everything from trap and skeet, benchrest, and even cowboy-action shooting is discussed in the text. There are numerous photos, drawings, and charts, plus a helpful glossary of shooting terms. Tom's emphasis is on fun and enjoyment to be found in the shooting sports, rather than strictly the competitive aspects. His goal is to encourage everyone to go out and give the shooting sports a try, or to try ones new to them, to find out which they really enjoy. The trade-sized paperback retails for \$9.95 and is published by Lyons Press.



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LETTER

BOONE AND CROCKETT PROFESSOR OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, JACK WARD THOMAS, DUALY AWARDED

ELK FOUNDATION PRESENTS AWARD TO JACK WARD THOMAS
 "Looking into the future, in view of the needs of elk and the exacting requirements of recreation based on multiple use, the safest course is to model elk management along natural lines, not only to preserve elk as a living animal, but also, so far as is reasonably possible, to preserve its distinct habits as well as its habitat."

Those words could very well describe the efforts and goals of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Jack Ward Thomas, Ph.D. The foundation recently recognized Thomas with the first-ever presentation of the Olaus J. Murie Award at The Wildlife Society meeting held in Austin, Texas.

The quote was written by Murie in 1951 – long before RMEF was conceived – in his ground-breaking book *Elk of North America*, published by the Wildlife Management Institute.

It is fitting that the first annual Olaus J. Murie Award be pre-

sented to the man who led the effort to write and edit *Elk of North America: Ecology and Management* – the Wildlife Management Institute's monumental successor to Murie's book.

"Jack Ward Thomas has helped stimulate an entire generation of wildlife biologists to more deeply examine and understand how they can provide positive input into our system of wildlife management, to go beyond mere publication, and make a real difference on the ground," said Elk Foundation President and fellow B&C member Gary Wolfe, while presenting the award to Thomas. "In other words, he has led the way showing us in the wildlife profession how to be more effective. Through his research, ideas, presentations, personal influence and publications, no other individual is as responsible as Jack Ward Thomas for the success of elk and elk habitat management in North America. He is, in a sense, the father of modern elk habitat management."

"It is my privilege to have been part of the Elk Foundation since its beginning," said Thomas. "I can think of no greater honor than to be the first recipient of the Olaus J. Murie Award – named in honor of a man who was a hero to all wildlife biologists with an interest in elk."

THOMAS RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED NATURAL RESOURCES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) recognizes individuals for their long-term contributions and commitments to advance renewable natural resource sciences and public education, promote the application of sound scientific practices in resource management, and foster coordination among resource professionals.

Thomas has pioneered work in forestry and wildlife research, instituted changes in resource management, and encouraged coordination among agencies.

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Peter Konopacky (Plover, Wisconsin) with a great whitetail buck.