

hunting was going on around in adjacent country these deer were remaining in these aspen as if nothing ever happen outside their confines. They had 100% confidence in man and would allow one to walk slowly within 50 feet or less of them to be shot. Just why these old deer allowed one to approach them so closely I am at lost to say unless it is these breeding grounds and they are not acting normal. They are exceptionally large deer and are master of the country, their horns of unusual large size but not in number of points. The spread is tremendous and they shoot straight up, but still the ramification is simple and mainly 4 or 5 points per side. These deer look like fat cows with large and thick necks. Their movements indicate their age and weight. This isolated open flat and adjoining aspen slopes are extensive but there is a quick get away to the open west country of oak & maple trees below. The picture no.

(1-10-26-36) shows in the background this aspen park with tree generally distributed but not thickly crowded as is generally the case with aspen groves. Thicker aspen cover however surrounds this park. The floor as can be seen is free of undergrowth and supports a carpet of aspen leaves. It is among such a setting that one finds these large fearless bucks at home. If one walks slowly and without abrupt movements of any kind he can approach a buck within 30'. They remain motionless and generally stand with their head behind an aspen tree with their eyes peering around trunk while the entire body except the head is in plain view.

I suppose they are like the ostrich which hides its head and ^{does} not realize that it is in full view. They remain here until too closely approach when they run off a hundred feet or so and stop again to watch you pass along. They are loathe to leave the area and travel in circles. Even when shot at they run a way and then stop to be approached again. Come up to one deer unexpectedly and stared it in the eye at exactly 18'. It remained motionless as long as I remain absolutely frozen but when I made a slight motion with hand, it went pouncing along its way. I could hear it stop. This deer was the largest one I have ever seen. Its horns were angled and extended high and wide. They passed ^{at} horns or antler prongs. The upshot from the angle is noticeable. The antlers were not excessively thick for the size. If I had had a bow & arrow I could have shot several bucks in this park like area. If a group

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