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# REMOTE Patrol

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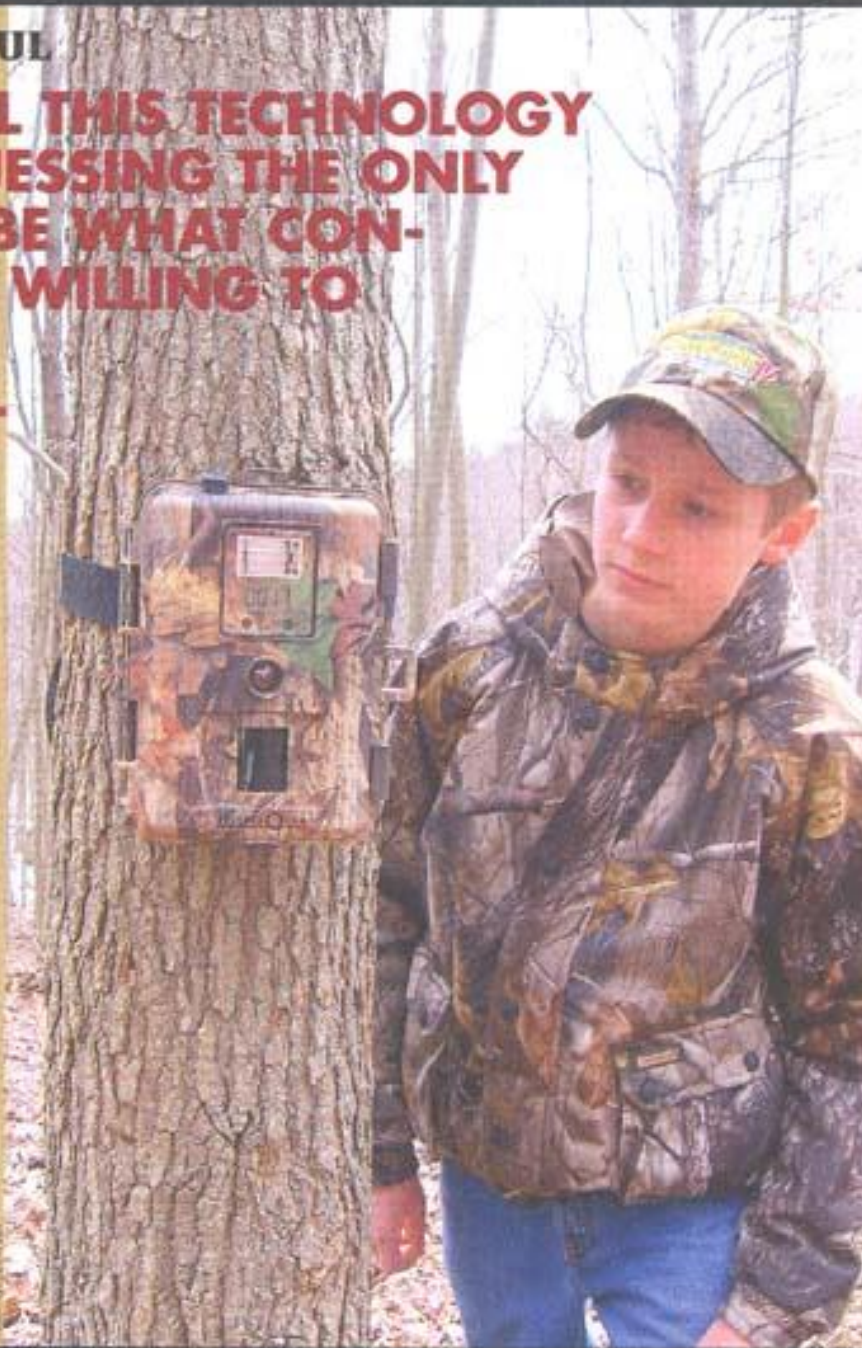
**"WHERE WILL THIS TECHNOLOGY END? I'M GUESSING THE ONLY LIMITS WILL BE WHAT CONSUMERS ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR."**

**I**T WAS A POND in name only. When it was brim-full, I could almost jump across it, and in a dry spell it was little more than a puddle. But I suspected the water source was the favorite drinking spot for a huge whitetail I'd found one summer. Needing proof, I strapped a scouting camera to a nearby tree, and a week later I had a photo of a 150-inch, 8-point buck. When bow season opened, I used that scouting information to put my father within 15 yards of the buck. Dad passed an iffy shot, but he still talks about that deer.

Although my father had never used a scouting camera, he could certainly appreciate the technology. Dad had retired from the computer industry, and he loves to reminisce about the first computer his company ever manufactured.

"It took up the better half of a small office room and was as temperamental as a baby," he'd say. "Ten years later, we were making a pocket calculator that could perform the same functions, and more."

Scouting cameras haven't progressed at that pace, but they have made an impressive run, nonetheless.





# SCOUTING CAMERAS



To check the bucks you "shot" at the site, just click on an icon and the image(s) pop up, helping you to determine buck patterns and home ranges. If you're not so techy, you'll still find plenty to love: NearVideo capability, PIR triggering sensor and illumination, solid durability (the unit can run on eight AA batteries for weeks, and it operates at temps down to -20), to name just a few.

## 10) SMART SCOUTER

When Smart Scouter refers to its camera setup as a "surveillance system," it's not just blowing smoke. The instant the camera shoots a buck's photo, it sends the image via cellular network to the company website, and hunters can access those images instantly from a PC or cell phone. This "real time" capability allows Smart Scouter customers to monitor game activity as it occurs, then choose the best hunting areas accordingly. Because you don't have to visit cameras to retrieve photos, you don't unnecessarily disturb sensitive areas.

## 11) STEALTH CAM

This Texas-based company just keeps getting better, and its 330MTR is proof. Housed in a weatherproof and waterproof case in Realtree Advantage camo, the 330MTR boasts a 3.0-megapixel camera that can be programmed in 1 to 60-second intervals, and in Burst Mode will shoot up to three photos or 10 seconds of video when triggered. The flash unit captures critters out to 30', and the 32MB of built-in memory can store up to 180 images (add-on flash cards can considerably beef up

this count). Additional features include easy on-site programming and an auxiliary power jack for an external 12-volt lead-acid battery.

## 12) TRAILMAC

Long known as a workhorse in this field, TrailMac should keep its fans happy with a new digital model. The superior electronics used in this unit offer many advantages, including customized battery life (unique in the industry), and eight time-delay settings (ranging from 30 seconds to two hours). An Olympus 4.0-megapixel camera shoots high-quality images and has a 40' flash range. Finally, the TrailMac features three mode settings (standard, Shur Shot, and movie) and comes in a light, compact, weatherproof housing that attaches easily to a tree.

## 13) WILDVIEW

Simple to operate and affordable, Wildview's Xtreme 3 is, as the name suggests, a 3.1-megapixel digital unit. The camera, triggered by a PIR sensor, captures wide-angle images as well as multiple photos (when set in Burst Mode) and video. Thanks to a test mode for perfect placement, low-battery indicator, and an external image counter, this unit offers easy in-field setup and maintenance. An external power lock allows for easy hookup to a 12-volt battery for extended use. By choosing one of three resolution settings, you can customize camera setup to match conditions. ♪

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