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Too Many Deer ? Too Few Deer ?

A new study, unveiled at the Farm Show in Harrisburg January 12, is a new vision, based on three years of hard work by a team of ten experts. The 300 page study is the most complete research ever on the subject of White-tailed Deer in Pennsylvania.

The title is long (to suit the telephone book size of the report). "Managing White-tailed Deer in Forest Habitat From an Ecosystem Perspective: Pennsylvania Case Study" is something that you have to read if you're going to win any arguments about deer at your favorite watering hole. Yes, you gotta read it - and you have to read it with an open mind.

You can find the report on the Audubon web site at http://pa.audubon.org/deer_forum_report_main.htm

You can just download the ten-page summary for starters, but you also have to promise to give up a little T.V. time to look at the meat in the study. It's an eye-opener.

If you spend "the other ten months of the year" out there scouting, you know that it's all a matter of habitat - and this visionary approach to deer management is habitat management. And habitat management is for all the critters. Doing this will involve more than hunter's dollars; it will take a fresh new approach , based on science.

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