

that feral hog family groups were moving or being moved great distances in the region, up to about 30 miles at a time.

Collaborative feral hog management between local landowners and public land managers is recommended in the study.

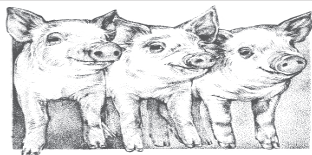
“This study provides incredibly significant findings, illuminating the real threat to wildlife populations and human health from this feral animal’s increasing presence across the state,” Durham said. “One way

to help is to never transport feral hogs. In fact, it’s illegal to transport and release them. We need to develop ways to remove whole sounders (herds) of feral hogs, not just nickel and dime a few pigs at a time. You have to get rid of the whole sounder.”

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**Texas Parks & Wildlife  
Game Warden  
Field Notes  
No Self Control**



Sabine County game wardens received information about an individual who allegedly shot a white-tailed buck deer in July, well out of season.

An investigation led to a search warrant, which resulted in the seizure of a velvet set of antlers scoring close to 115 inches on the Boone & Crockett scoring system, knives used to process the deer, an ice cooler of meat and another set of antlers off an illegal buck, having an inside spread of less than 13 inches, that was harvested during last year’s deer season.

The subject admitted to shooting the deer while hog hunting and said he couldn’t pass on a buck with velvet antlers. The suspect was arrested and several citations issued. (Cases pending)

**Equipment  
Review**

By Johnny Kirby

From time to time, I try to pass along my good experiences with new hunting rifles. In my part time job as a hunting guide, I am privileged to be exposed to a number of rifles from different manufacturers.

We always encourage our hunters to spend time on the shooting range before the hunting begins. As a result of this, I get to evaluate the quality and performance of many rifles, old and new.

Most of us are familiar with Thompson/Center Arms single shot pistols. A new offering from Thompson/Center Arms is their bolt action rifle called the Compass. This new rifle is certainly a move in a new direction.

The Compass is offered in 10 popular calibers. The black synthetic stock is no beauty but seems effective. The trigger is adjustable for pull weight and is good for a factory trigger.

The shot groups for me, were as good as I have experienced from an “out-of-the-box” rifle. Shooting factory Federal Premium ammo, my 3-shot groups averaged less than 1” consistently.

The muzzle is also threaded for use with sound and flash suppressors. One of the best parts is that it’s made in the USA and costs less than \$400. This is truly a quality and economical hunting rifle.

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