

## { Tried And Tested }

### Mossy Oak Duck Blind Camo

When you've been through the duck and goose wars and come limping back home with your gear caked with mud, most of your dry goods wet and a strap of musty birds to clean, you've got a pretty good idea of what worked and what didn't. Time to regroup, re-rig and return, as soon as possible. If one of the things you're looking at replacing is your camo, it may be time to go with one of the most versatile waterfowl patterns going today.

Mossy Oak Duck Blind (Mossyoak.com) was born in 2007, taking the place of Shadow Grass, a successful and long-lived pattern. Duck Blind one-upped its predecessor by immediately proving its ability to blend into an even wider range of habitats, from field to marsh to timber. Using digitally reproduced grasses, sticks, reeds and various wild weeds, actual native plant material, the aptly named Duck Blind has proved to be the next great tool for getting under the birds. J.S.



\* MOSSY OAK  
DUCK BLIND

### Benelli Vinci

Shooting the Benelli Vinci shotgun (BenelliUSA.com) might be compared to driving a high-end sports car, there are cars, then there are *cars*. Yes, this gun's built to look good and handle well, but it's what's built into the Vinci and the way it shoots that sets it apart from common shotguns.

The new In-Line Inertia Driven operating system may be a mouthful, but among semi-auto systems, it's likely the simplest. The gun's ComforTech Plus recoil reduction system cannot be felt, which is the point, plus it decreases muzzle climb appreciably. Add this to a new modular design that makes the gun incredibly easy to assemble and disassemble for cleaning or storing. Oh, then there's the matter of reliability. Isn't that why people shoot Benelli in the first place? J.S.



\* BENELLI  
VINCI

### Greenhead Gear Pro-Grade

GHG (GreenheadGear.com) keeps making decoys better. This year I used the latest Pro Grade duck decoys in mallard, wigeon and teal and couldn't believe the way they looked. Apparently the ducks couldn't either. It's the first time I've seen birds come to a spread and actually try to land with their own kind, rather than just picking a hole. These new decoys have incredible texturing, active poses and lifelike details such as wings tips and tails that extend beyond the body in much the way the best carved birds do.

Of course, I'm not entering any contests with the decoys, But with their extended necks, dabbling beaks and alert poses, these decoys won the day more than once. J.S.



\* GREENHEAD GEAR  
PRO-GRADE DUCK DECOYS