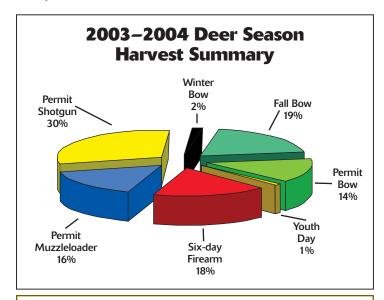
#### 2003-2004 Deer Harvest Summary

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 69,456 deer during the 2003–2004 season. This represents a 10 percent increase from the 2002–03 harvest of 63,031 deer. This increase is partially due to the addition of 17 Deer Management Zones included in the early open Fall Bow and extended Permit Bow seasons. The season total is the fourth highest in state history.

Total harvests for each of the six seasons and Youth Day were as follows: Fall Bow—13,420; Permit Bow—9,858; Six-day Firearm—12,322; Permit Shotgun—20,541; Permit Muzzleloader—11,236; Winter Bow—1,191; and Youth Day—888. The total harvest consisted of 23,307 antlered bucks and 46,149 antlerless deer.

Hunterdon County once again ranked highest in overall harvest (11,893), with Sussex County coming in second (6,625) and Warren County a close third (6,380).



## 2003–04 Total Deer Harvest in New Jersey by County and Season

Deer Seasons

	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-Day Firearm	Permit Muzzle- loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Total 2003 Harvest
COUNTY								
Atlantic	550	428	77	1,007	774	1,096	66	3,998
Bergen	22	10	0	5	5	5	7	54
Burlington	885	635	82	1,247	1,043	2,031	90	6,013
Camden	141	120	17	225	113	208	14	838
Cape May	132	152	31	262	236	129	41	983
Cumberland	620	484	85	723	1,041	679	83	3,715
Essex	26	19	1	0	3	4	10	63
Gloucester	410	275	45	401	366	907	29	2,433
Hunterdon	2,772	1,947	97	1,819	1,546	3,589	123	11,893
Mercer	488	315	16	331	210	1,029	18	2,407
Middlesex	325	249	11	228	180	811	15	1,819
Monmouth	1,057	787	45	624	669	2,023	115	5,320
Morris	1,106	773	38	604	471	1,356	114	4,462
Ocean	641	522	56	925	734	918	99	3,895
Passaic	98	98	5	70	153	13	9	446
Salem	612	434	57	449	658	783	40	3,033
Somerset	1,286	994	39	580	435	1,533	170	5,037
Sussex	1,114	794	110	1,431	1,745	1,330	101	6,625
Union	9	5	0	3	0	7	3	27
Warren	1,124	815	76	1,383	851	2,087	44	6,380
Unknown	2	2	0	5	3	3	0	15
State	13,420	9,858	888	12,322	11,236	20,541	1,191	69,456



# 2003-04 Total Deer Harvest By Season and Zone

	DEER SEASONS							
MA (8) 1-20	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzle- loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	2003 Total
DMZ								
1	120	103	10	204	234	14	11	696
3	479 122	318 139	49 7	583 108	678 232	655 17	38 12	2800 637
4	180	166	24	219	416	18	47	1070
5	796	455	62	988	515	1490	25	4331
6	204	215	15	216	230	113	35	1028
7	453	368	31	475	320	875	18	2540
9	1304 454	871 296	41 10	1019 136	595 97	1831 431	60 49	5721 1473
10	859	619	30	674	592	1194	45	4013
11	467	347	20	324	296	670	9	2133
12	1104	807	35	654	591	1659	50	4900
13	663	503	10	134	100	420	149	1979
14	585	355	28	340	199	1038	34	2579
15 16	397 414	274 322	17 22	255 294	231 334	993 410	17 26	2184 1822
17	241	132	24	211	221	736	6	1571
18	107	122	13	195	156	6	31	630
19	353	227	24	335	317	915	25	2196
21	101	135	17	447	288	19	31	1038
22	141	61	13	72	49	92	12	440
23 24	121 55	160 67	16 11	433 254	269 144	10	28 22	1037 556
25	263	180	31	292	224	1016	4	2010
26	326	231	40	511	425	368	31	1932
27	180	147	21	161	223	246	10	988
28	370	205	28	210	338	279	19	1449
29	163	102	18	159	289	372	10	1113
30	64	70	16	120	109	100	22	501
31 34	146	103	8	79	143 293	134	15 49	628
35	161 251	180 180	39 24	308 220	236	177 324	20	1207 1255
36	92	75	0	17	13	44	16	257
37	29	25	2	13	100	2	3	174
38	closed	closed	closed	closed	5	169	closed	174
39	20	23	3	44	106	266	6	468
40	10	6	0	1	22	20	4	63
41	275 102	203	11	210 140	153 77	528 391	9	1389 786
43	37	61 54	7	92	97	391	8	299
45	40	71	16	137	229	5	14	512
46	48	52	17	247	163	15	19	561
47	68	48	4	75	98	102	5	400
48	195	119	13	202	115	728	12	1384
49	56	27	5	28	14	143	7	280
50 51	389 235	302 162	7	148 151	122 83	555 623	38 46	1561 1307
52	6	7	2	16	58	1	0	90
53	15	15	5	14	25	33	9	116
54	12	18	2	9	36	40	0	117
55	24	16	5	28	20	8	5	106
56	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	12	closed	12
57	7	4	closed	closed	5	10	closed	26
58 59	closed	11 15	closed 3	closed	11 2	34 15	closed closed	56 35
61	closed	2	0	10	4	16	closed	32
63	78	29	6	37	60	64	3	277
64	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	68	closed	68
65	33	37	8	72	71	8	13	242
66	5	16	closed	closed	1	11	10	43
67 Unk	closed 0	closed 0	closed	closed	162	closed	closed 0	162 2
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#### 2003-04 Deer Harvest **Per Square Mile** of Deer Range

Deer Mgmt. Zone	Deer Range (sq mi)	Antlered Buck Harvest per sq mi	Total Deer Harvest per sq mi
1	64	5.8	10.9
2	170	6.2	16.5
3	160	1.7	4.0
4	64	7.2	16.7
5	239	7.3	18.1
6	160	3.4	6.4
7	110	6.7	23.1
8	221	7.6	25.9
9	75	3.8	19.6
10	120	9.5	33.4
11	75	7.5	28.4
12	175	6.8	28.0
13	90	4.3	22.0
14	190	3.5	13.6
15	88	5.6	24.8
16	140	4.9	13.0
17	92	5.1	17.1
18	75	4.7	8.4
19	164	4.2	13.4
21	181	3.8	5.7
22	16	9.9	27.5
23	171	3.8	6.1 3.2
24	172	2.3	
25	151 127	4.1	13.3 15.2
26		7.0	
27	102	3.6	9.7
28	105	4.7	13.8
29	67	5.0	16.6
30 31	48 43	4.7 4.2	10.4 14.6
34	112	5.8	10.8
35	160	2.9	7.8
36	34	1.8	7.6
37	21	3.4	8.3
38	10	3.3	17.4
39	15	6.7	31.2
40	1	10.0	63.0
41	42	8.2	33.1
42	43	6.2	18.3
43	27	5.3	11.1
45	62	4.0	8.3
46	69	5.0	8.1
47	58	2.5	6.9
48	90	4.9	15.4
49	5	13.8	56.0
50	123	3.0	12.7
51	80	3.8	16.3
52	20	2.5	4.5
53	8	4.5	14.5
54	5	5.2	23.4
55	5	9.6	21.2
56	1	1.0	12.0
57	1	6.0	26.0
58	4	2.0	14.0
59	2	4.0	17.5
61	5	3.0	6.4
63 64	19 3	5.5 5.0	14.6 22.7
65	16	8.2	15.1
66	3.3	2.4	13.0
67	15	1.8	10.8
STATE	4714.3	1.0	10.0
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#### 2004-05 NJ Deer Season **Regulation Sets Reference Chart**

Color Coded to Regulation Sets (page 28) and Zone Map (page 40)

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set
1	<u> </u>
	Regulation Set # 2
2	Regulation Set # 4
3	Regulation Set # 2
4	Regulation Set # 1
5	Regulation Set # 6
6	Regulation Set # 3
7	Regulation Set # 8
8	Regulation Set # 8
9	Regulation Set # 8
10	Regulation Set # 8
-11	Regulation Set # 8
12	Regulation Set # 8
13	Regulation Set # 8
14	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 4
17	Regulation Set # 6
18	Regulation Set # 3
19	Regulation Set # 6
20	Zone is not designated
21	Regulation Set # 2
22	Regulation Set # 4
23	Regulation Set # 2
24	Regulation Set # 2
25	Regulation Set # 6
26	Regulation Set # 4
27	Regulation Set # 4
28	Regulation Set # 4
29	Regulation Set # 4
30	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 4
32	Zone is not designated
33	Zone is not designated
34	Regulation Set # 3

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set	
35	Regulation Set # 4	
36	Regulation Set # 8	
37	Special Area Hunting Season	
38	Special Area Hunting Season	
39	Special Area Hunting Season	
40	Special Area Hunting Season	
41	Regulation Set # 8	
42	Regulation Set # 6	
43	Regulation Set # 2	
44	Zone is not designated	
45	Regulation Set # 2	
46	Regulation Set # 2	
47	Regulation Set # 4	
48	Regulation Set # 6	
49	Regulation Set # 8	
50	Regulation Set # 8	
51	Regulation Set # 8	
52	Special Area Hunting Season	
53	Special Area Hunting Season	
54	Special Area Hunting Season	
55	Regulation Set # 3	
56	Special Area Hunting Season	
57	Special Area Hunting Season	
58	Special Area Hunting Season	
59	Special Area Hunting Season	
60	Zone is not designated	
61	Special Area Hunting Season	
62	Zone is not designated	
63	Regulation Set # 4	
64	Special Area Hunting Season	
65	Regulation Set # 3	
66	Special Area Hunting Season	
67	Special Area Hunting Season	

### Regulation Sets For The 2004–05 Deer Seasons

#### **Regulation Set #1**

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- · No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in this zone
- · Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

Note: Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked "valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer" are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

#### **ZONE(S): 4**

Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 2–29, 2004 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)

Permit Bow (25 days): Oct. 30-Nov. 27, 2004

Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm Season.

Permit Muzzleloader (13 days): Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–29, 2004 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004** Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

**Permit Shotgun Season (1 day): Dec. 15, 2004** Season bag limit is one deer—which MUST be antlerless if two antlered deer were harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season. Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

Winter Bow (26 days): Jan. 1–31, 2005 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)



#### **Regulation Set #2**

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in these zones.
- Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

Note: Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked "valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer" are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

#### ZONE(S): 1, 3\*, 21, 23, 24, 43, 45, 46

st Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 2–29, 2004** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)

**Permit Bow (25 days): Oct. 30–Nov. 27, 2004** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm season.

**Permit Muzzleloader (21 days): Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2004; and Jan. 1–7, 2005** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004** Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Shotgun Season (1 day): Dec. 15, 2004 Season bag limit is one deer—which MUST be antlerless if two antlered deer were harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season. Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Winter Bow (26 days): Jan. 1–31, 2005** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)

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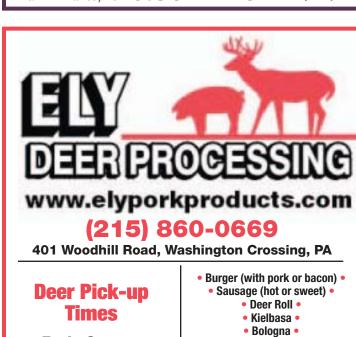
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#### **Regulation Set #3**

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- · No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in these zones.
- Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

Note: Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked "valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer" are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

ZONE(S): 6\*, 18, 30, 34, 55, 65

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 6 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 2–29, 2004** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)

**Permit Bow (25 days): Oct. 30–Nov. 27, 2004** Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm season.

Permit Muzzleloader (21 days): Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2004; and Jan. 1–7, 2005 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

**Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004** Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Shotgun Season (3 days): Dec. 15–17, 2004 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered (ONLY if two antlered deer were not harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season). Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone. (See *Note* above.)

Winter Bow (26 days): Jan. 1–31, 2005 Season bag limit is two deer; only ONE may be antlered. (See *Note* above.)



#### Regulation Set #4

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in these zones.
- Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

ZONE(S): 2, 16, 22, 26, 27\*, 28, 29\*, 31, 35\*, 47, 63\*

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 27, 29, 35 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (42 days):

First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2004 First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 2 to Oct. 29, 2004

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer.

**Permit Bow (53 days): Oct. 30–Dec. 24, 27–31, 2004** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone.

Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm season.

Permit Muzzleloader (27 days): Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 6–11, 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2004; and Jan. 1–7, 2005 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone.

**Six-day Firearm** (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Shotgun Season (10 days): Dec. 15–17, 2004; and, Jan. 8–15, 2005 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer (ONLY if two antlered deer were not harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season). Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone.

Winter Bow (26 days): Jan. 1–31, 2005 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer.

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#### Regulation Sets For The 2004–05 Deer Seasons

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#### **Regulation Set #6**

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- · No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in these zones.
- Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

#### **ZONE(S): 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 and 48**

Fall Bow (42 days):

First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 11-Oct. 1, 2004 First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 2 to Oct. 29, 2004

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer.

Permit Bow (53 days): Oct. 30–Dec. 24, 27–31, 2004 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone.

Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, nonshooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm season.

Permit Muzzleloader (47 days):

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 6-11, 2004

Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 13, 14, 18-24, 27–31, 2004; and Jan. 1–31, 2005

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Shotgun Season (34 days):

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 6-11, 2004

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 15-17, 2004; and

Jan. 3-31, 2005

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer (ONLY if two antlered deer were not harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season). Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Winter Bow (26 days): Jan. 1–31, 2005 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.



#### Regulation Set #8

- Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- No deer hunting on Sundays or Christmas Day in these zones.
- Hunters must have a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2004 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.

#### EARN-A-BUCK ZONE(S): 7, 8, 9\*, 10, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51 st Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 $\,$ must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (42 days): Sept. 11 to Oct. 29, 2004 Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck **Zone** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer.

Permit Bow (50 days): Oct. 30 to Nov. 20 and Nov. 25 to Dec. 24, 27-31, 2004 Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone through Dec. 11, 2004. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one bow season permit per zone.

Youth Day (1 day): Nov. 20, 2004 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, nonshooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Six-day Firearm season.

Permit Muzzleloader (62 days):

Antlerless deer only: Nov. 22–24, 26 and Dec. 6–11, 2004 Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 13, 14, 18-24, 27-31, 2004; and Jan. 1-Feb. 12, 2005

Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone during Nov. 29 and 30, 2004 (unless Earn-A-Buck requirement already satisfied).

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and **ONE** antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one muzzleloader season permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 6–11, 2004 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if hunter harvests two antlered deer. he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Shotgun Season (49 days):

Antlerless deer only: Nov. 22-24, 26 and

Dec. 6-11, 2004

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 15-17, 2004; and

Jan. 3-Feb. 12, 2005

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer (ONLY if two antlered deer were not harvested during the Six-day Firearm Season). Hunters may purchase only one shotgun season permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Winter Bow (43 days): Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2005 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless and ONE antlered deer.

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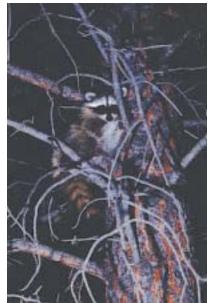




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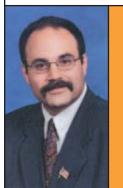




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