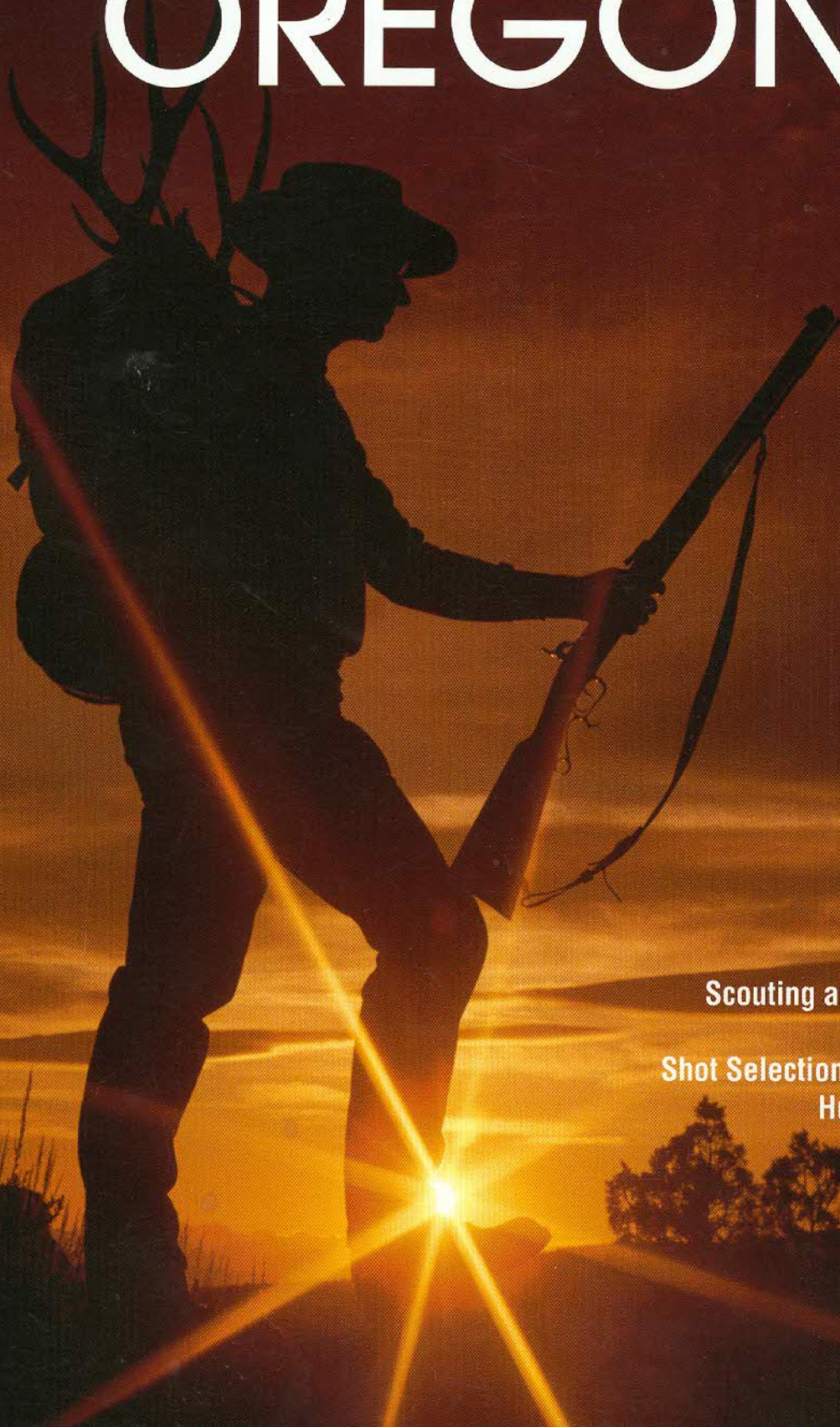


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beneath the burlap. The last flock came in behind us, and I rose to a sitting position, turned, chose a target, put the barrel on a bird, tightened up on the trigger and heard the gun thump. Nook charged out to grab it, and the hunt was over.

**T**he only goose that nests in Oregon is the western Canada goose. Though there are other species of geese that can be found in Oregon in the fall and winter. These include the Snow goose, Ross, Greater White Fronted (speckle-bellies) and Black Brant.

Oregon hunters harvest an average of 41,809 geese each year. Of these, Canada geese make up 86% of the harvest. Lesser Snow and Ross account for just over 10% of the annual take, and Greater White Fronted average around 3% of the harvest. Black Brant make up usually less than 0.2%.

Black Brant have an Oregon wintering population that averages between 500 and 1,000 in recent years. To hunt them, the hunter is required to have a spe-

cial validation on his Oregon hunting license.

There are several seasons that run throughout the state in the fall and winter designed to keep resident and migratory populations in check. Consult the Oregon Game Bird Regulations for season dates.

The Black Brant season encompasses the entire state and runs for a short time during the month of November. September's Canada goose season is held in early September on both the east and west sides of the state. These hunts are held to control resident populations of geese before the general Fall season.

The Northwest Oregon Permit Season is held in the northwest corner of the state. It is held to help control damage done to agricultural crops by increasing numbers of Canada geese. Most of the hunting is on private lands. There are specific permit hunt areas for this hunt, and hunters need to pass a goose identification home study course provided by the ODFW. A daily harvest report form must be maintained and in possession while hunting. Hunters should be familiar with the Oregon Game Bird Regulations and the details of this hunt before hunting.

The General Fall Seasons are held between early October and early to mid-January, depending on which



ABOVE: Canada goose over the Crooked River. Good pass shooting can be had on riverways, especially after ice closes lakes and ponds. Photo by Dave Rein

RIGHT: Generation after generation, these snow geese will return to dependable feeding areas. Huge flocks can be hard on croplands. Photo by Gary Kramer



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