



SEPTEMBER WHITETAIL PROPERTY CHECKLIST

- Plot Toppings:** Final fertilizer, bare spot overseed, and winter rye for soil building and to start the cover crop process for 2023 (you guys in the south are just getting started!).

- Final Walk-through:** One last check of access, stands, shooting lanes, scrapes, and waterholes. This should be a quick trip, with scent-free boots, and avoid deer travel corridors.

- Cams Dialed In:** Get your cams to your key hunting sets with fresh batteries. It is best to do this with the final walk. Cell cams should be on your hard-to-reach, highest-impact locations you most likely will not see until late October.

- Acorn Lookout:** Keep an eye out for trees that are producing and consider how to hunt accordingly.

- Back out and give it to the deer:** Once the final work is done, implement hunting season protocols - no noise, no scent. Only use hunter access routes and timing.



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500 Shot Club: Pick a goal; maybe it's shooting once per day or a total number of shots. Write it down and keep it visible. Discipline now will pay off later.

Doe Camp: If doe harvests are part of your management plan, the early season is a perfect time. Invite some friends and fill the freezer by hunting edge locations and leave the core timber areas soak for the buck hunts to come.

Surgical Buck Extraction: If you have a buck that develops a pattern (even a couple of times) in the early season, go after him! He's likely about to shift into a fall pattern soon and it could be worth the risk. Cell cams help significantly as this requires quick observation and reaction.

Weather Watch: Keep an eye on the weather just like you would later in the rut and see what happens. That first 15-degree drop (even at high temps - for example 90 to 75) will bring the bucks out, possibly in your lap.

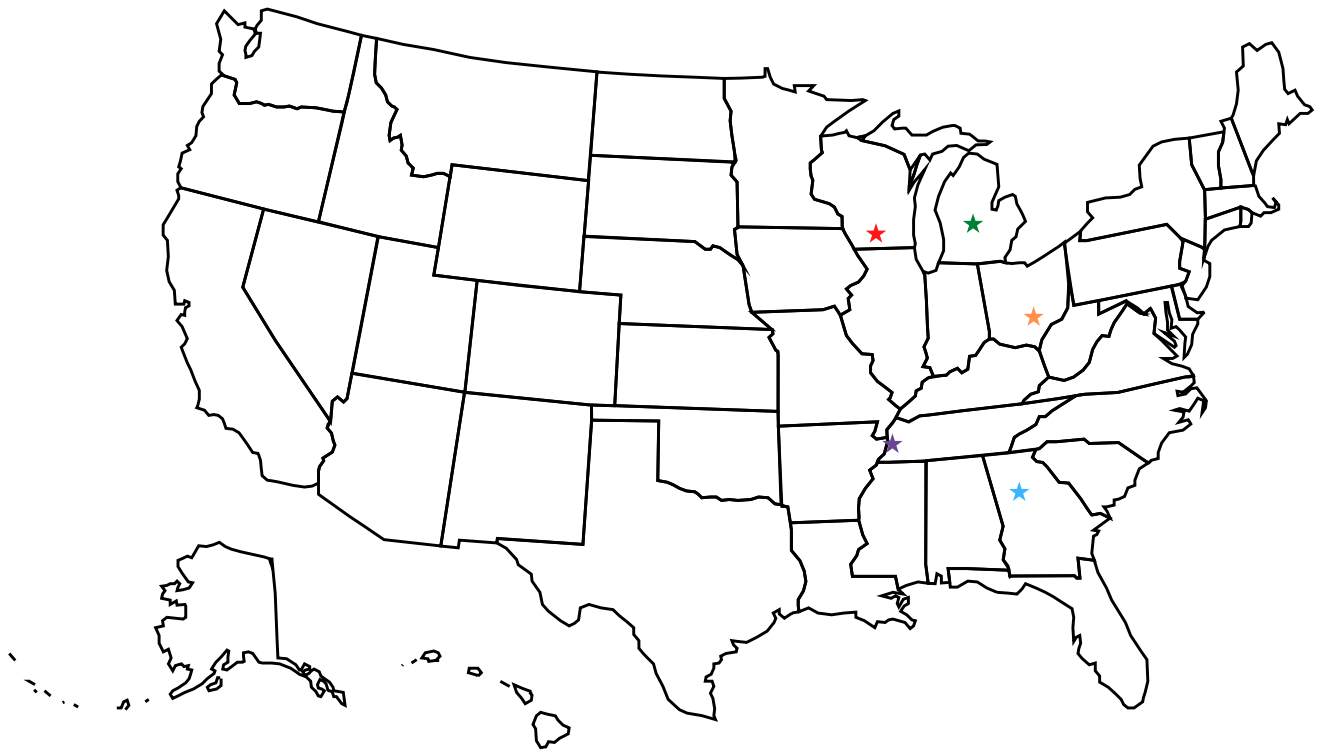
Anticipate the Shift: As habitat changes, bucks relocate. Be ready when you see your work pay off as the bucks choose your property over the neighbors!



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Plan: Schedule your planning needs with one of our regional experts. Anything from a few hour Q&A session to a full on-site review and plan. Our calendars are quickly filling up!



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