

David Zumbaugh's Spring Turkey Précis

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Note: I asked David if he could provide me with the details of his hunt so I could post it on my site and he was kind enough to forward this synopsis.



11 1/8 inch beard hybrid rio/eastern

5:00 AM - wake up call, roll over - pouring rain
7:00 AM - still raining, but get going and get to parking spot 7:30
8:00 AM - still spitting but getting clearer, decide to go for it
8:30 AM - decoys out, call a bit - gobblers respond and are coming hot
9:00 AM - busted, tried to cross the fire break as the birds were on the other side and moving away
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM - re-set several times with no success or gobbler/yelps, raining (my Benelli is soaked)
2:00 PM - hear a distant gobble when a cannon goes off, head off in that direction
2:20 PM - upright with orange hat on, mobil. Hit the call and immediate yelping to the East get set up (no decoys) and yelping continues, but gobbling to the West and close/hot
3 gobblers come in and cross the rutted farm road, I pick the biggest and drop the hammer, 2:30
11 1/8" beard, 1" spurs - hybrid Rio/Eastern, a Beauty!
Area I; also found some fresh elk tracks and a few morels along the creek.

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Wild turkey pot pie with wild morrel mushrooms, both grown on Fort Riley, KS.

Does not get much better for a working man.

