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Fine European game calls

MDX-MANUAL-ENGLISH.

Congratulations with the purchase of your MDX-call! You now own one of the most versatile instruments there are for calling in European wildlife. In this manual we teach you step by step how to use the MDX. If you take your time to look into this manual you should be able to call in European wildlife successfully within a absolute minimum amount of time.

1) General guarantee.

There is a lifelong unconditional warranty for the original owner.

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3) General activation of the MDX.

- As a Magpie in Distress-call.

Our classic FT3 Premium European crow call has to be activated by gargling from the body and not from the throat to get the right sound out of it.. The big difference between the FT3 and the MDX in activation is that the MDX can be very easily activated by any gargling at all when it comes to a magpie in distress call. Weather it is from the throat or the body it doesn't matter. The minute you start saying "grrr" into the call the reed is activated the right way, it is as simple as that! It even doesn't matter if you once and while just blow into the call, in combination with some simple gargling, it will work. The more dynamic and frightened your sound is the better, test with gargling more and less air into the call or blow lower and higher on the mouthpiece, see what works best for you. For this reason the call is perfect for a beginner who wants to build up some confidence towards game and wildlife calling or for an experienced FT3-crowcaller who want to offer the corvids something different in his area. Anyhow, the risc of using the MDX the wrong way as a Magpie in Distres call is nearly non-existent. Please note that it is normal that carrion crows, hooded crows, jackdaws and even rooks react to a Magpie in distress-call, the European corvid family is quite "compatible" when it comes to game calling.

- As a classic young crow call.

When using the deep gargling technique, similar as with our FT3 call, and when softly gargling into the call of a young crow can be imitated. Please note that the sound will be higher pitched, windier and softer compared to the sound of the FT3 crow call.

4) Animals that can be called with the MDX.

We have attracted a large variety of European wildlife with the MDX but there are a few species that can be called consistently, these are: magpies, jackdaws, carrion Crows, hooded crows, ravens, feral cats and red fox. If you want to call in a large variety of wildlife, it is best to use the call as a magpie in distress call. Don't be surprised if suddenly a jay or common buzzard swoops in, it is all part of the versatility of the MDX-call.

Please check your local laws when calling and hunting, do not shoot any protected species in your country with or without the MDX!

5) Important notes for magpie shooting.

Magpies are amongst the most intriguing birds to call in, sometimes they react very aggressively to the call and sometimes they stay out of range of the airgun or shotgun and chatter to the source of the sound. They tend to be very moody towards any calling and even with, according to us, the very best magpie call around, the MDX, this is sometimes also the case.

You can eliminate partially this problem by approaching the birds in full camouflage and with a minimum of movement. If magpies see you they will be much more difficult to call in. Also a good strategy is to position yourself not too far from a tree near the place where you will expect there will be magpies. Magpies often react by sitting in a tree and chatter towards the sound and you should be able to anticipate for this. This way the MDX is also very suitable for airgun hunting.

Another even better strategy is to position a friend between 60 and 90 meters away (2 shotgunshots away) from you near the first trees he encounters in the direction you expect the magpies to come from. If they come and stay just out of range your friend is most likely to be in position to have a shot at the birds.

Keep in mind that we have learned that most of the magpies, whether you shoot at them or not, will not come a second time to the same sound. They tend to be much more clever this way compared to jackdaws, carrion or hooded crows.

6) Other animals and the MDX.

All the European crows will come to the MDX-call but please be aware that our FT3-call will attract more European crows and from a larger distance due to its deeper and more aggressive tuning.

Do not always look up when using the MDX! We have learned that the MDX is an excellent and a-typical red fox call also because of the high and "windy" pitch. The MDX is also capable of calling in feral cats. When you want to call in predatory mammals use the call as a magpie in distress call and not as a young crow call.

Foxes can circle the sound to check the source of it (you) out. It helps when you use a similar strategy like with the magpies and hunt with a friend that positions himself 60 up to 90 meter max. away from you; Make sure your friend is downwind of you, foxes smell much better then me and you! If you are after feral cats (check your local laws!) the winddirection is not that important as we have learned.

A moment to be extra carefull for red fox or feral cat are the first seconds the magpies start to react.. Often the magpies that react to the MDX will make your calling more attractive to the fox or cat. This is difficult for us to prove but we have experienced it several times that a predatory animal came in when magpies where chattering all around our MDX-call. Predators tend to have less fear then, and tend to come in more boldly.

Jays tend to fly in on the most unexpected moment, sometimes with a strong “ shrieek “ sometimes with no sounds at all. They do however not react as consistently to the calls as eg. carrion or hooded crows.

6) Conclusion

One of the many exiting things about gamecalling in combination with hunting/shooting is the fact that you constantly learn about the species you are after.. Keep an open mind at all times when using the MDX-call and keep your focus not only in the air but also on the ground! Good luck with the MDX!

Kind regards,

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