

Tundra Trophies

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Mention hunting in Alaska, and thoughts turn to critters with antlers, horns, claws or teeth. But the tundra holds feathered trophies as well: ptarmigan. Birds challenging for both dogs and Guns. And once you're bitten, there's no turning back...



The challenge is walking uneven terrain for birds that like to run. That and keeping dogs steady with the quarry in plain sight.





But when ptarmigan get up within range, shots can seem like slam-dunks.





Liberal limits make for plenty of shooting,
and willow ptarmigan provide excellent eating.



Tired hunters and dogs at day's end
attend to a tundra well traveled.

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