



Instructions  
for the  
**FAULHABER Wildlocker**  
**Dove and Black Cock Call**  
"Taube"



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The hunt of the male dove during the time of courtship is very interesting, especially for young hunters to learn similar hunting of larger game. There is hardly any other game, which is more useful or serves as a better target than the ring dove. This overly cautious bird is known to "have eyes on every feather".

The best time to hunt the dove is in early spring when the courtship begins. But there is also a second courtship at the end of August, beginning of September, although it is not as heated as the first courtship. The best times during the day to hunt are late morning to noon and late afternoon to evening. Sunny, fair weather days cause the doves to more likely engage in courtship, whereas bad weather, rainy or cold days discourages courtship. Therefore, hunting is best in fair weather.

When the hunter uses the call, he plays a duet with the male dove; he plays the part of the answering female, communicating "Here I am!" When the male perches on the branch, has already fed, he makes his call and seeks to further satisfy himself. Normally the female answers exactly the same way to give her position. The hunter fools the dove to come to him while under cover, then shoots the dove at the moment

it is within range.

The male dove calls his female in a series of patterned melodic phrases ending with a change in pattern to end the call and wait for a response from the female. The call is as follows: a short unaccented followed by a long accented, then by a short unaccented "coo", ending each phrase of his melody with two unaccented "coo" sounds.

This pattern is done again and again until he ends his melody with one short unaccented "coo".

Example: coo-coo!-coo (coo-coo), coo-coo!-coo (coo-coo), coo-coo!-coo (coo-coo), coo.

It is important to always answer exactly as the dove calls, the calls can be changed in strength and in pitch by opening and closing the finger position over the hole in the top, and by blowing either stronger or weaker through the mouthpiece.

This call can also be used to imitate the stone owl and the cuckoo's "coo-coo". There are other birds in Europe, whose call can be imitated using this instrument, namely the "Birkhahn" (black cock), a black fan-tailed tree-perching turkey, which makes a kind of guttural "coo" sound. This bird is not found in America.

A good tip for the hunter's kitchen: Leave the older doves for a hearty soup and the younger doves for roasting, as with partridge, accompanied by cream sauce or gravy. Both make delectable dishes!

- The **FAULHABER** calls cannot be disassembled. This ensures a constant pitch.
- **Good hunting!**

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