

MONSTERS IN THE DITCH

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Stacey Scorda of Fairview, Alberta, holds the mammoth whitetail sheds she found in the spring of 2011. Stacey spotted the castoffs while travelling down the road one fine day. It just goes to show that you never know when you will cross paths with a shed and in her case a giant matched pair. The 18-pointer ended up scoring well over 200 non-typical points.

Stacey Scorda and her husband, Nick, were driving down a gravel road in northern Alberta on April 27, 2011, when she spotted a set of GIGANTIC antlers lying in the grass on the other side of the ditch. She just started hollering, "Horns! Horns! Go back! Go back!"

Nick backed up the Jeep, and before he even had it fully stopped, Stacey was out the door, clearing the ditch in a single leap. She couldn't believe her eyes! Lying right there, almost touching, were the nastiest, gnarliest non-typical whitetail antlers she had ever seen. She picked them up and just started jumping around yelling, "What?! What?! This can't be real! Do you see this?!" She said it was all like a dream; you don't just find something like this, and you never find them both together. Stacey said if Nick hadn't stopped the truck, she's pretty sure she would've pulled a "Tuck and Roll" to go back for them.

These sheds are stunning with double main beams on both sides and a drop-tine on the left. With 18 scorable

points, these sheds look like they should easily hit the 210 to 220 B&C mark.

Stacey stated that everyone around the area said all the big deer were gone, but these sheds blew their theory out of the water. She told me she couldn't even describe what she was feeling when she found them; it was like she had just taken a huge deer, with all the sheer disbelief and joy but none of the hard work that comes when you pull the trigger!

When I asked her to go take some good pictures holding her monster sheds, her eagle eyes came through again as she spotted a big ol' moose shed just inside the bushline! She told me it was the icing on the cake!

Hats off to you, Stacey, and well done! All of us fanatical shed hunters are extremely envious. I have a funny feeling we'll be seeing you again in *BIG BUCK*.

Yes, folks, she does pack them around with her and sleep with them under her pillow! 🐾

Another look at the wall of tines on these sheds.



Just look at the humongous abnormal point on this right antler. That is one impressive chunk of bone.