

Calling Up Hooters

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A friend of mine from Southeastern named Kenny tells of hunting the Blue Grouse, or "Hooters," as they are called there. Kenny says you can call up hooters by imitating their call, and he is pretty good at it. He loves to hunt them.

One time he was out on the mountain making his hooter call, when he heard an answering call from way off. He moved in that direction a little way, and called again. The answer came back, a little closer. So he moved again. From under a tall tree, he called. Sure enough, came back the answer, closer still. No question about it, he was calling one up.

Finally, from under a tree, he called and the answer came from just around a clump of brush, so he dashed over there, shotgun at the ready. And there, dashing out from behind the brush, was another hunter, shotgun at the ready. They had called each other up!