

REALTREE® MEDIA

Michael Waddell

As a country boy from the heart of Georgia, Michael Waddell only dreamed of the opportunity to hunt for a living. Growing up hunting and fishing with his father, Waddell quickly developed a knack for turkey calling and never looked back, unless they gobbled, of course.

“I started competing in local competitions as a teenager,” said Waddell. “It was those competitions that eventually opened the door for me. After I won the Realtree Grand America Turkey Calling Contest, the next thing I knew I had a camera in my hand and a check coming in from Realtree. And that was cool.”

Since joining Team Realtree in 1994, Waddell has gone from cameraman to producer to host of “Realtree Road Trips.” Waddell’s work ethic and knack for absorbing information has earned him the reputation as one of the most successful hunters and outdoorsmen in the industry, not to mention, one of the most entertaining.

“I love having fun and I love being in the woods,” said Waddell. “I just want to show people that you don’t have to change who you are in order to be successful; you just have to be you.”

Waddell lives in Fortson, Ga., with his wife, Ashley, and sons and daughter, Mason, Meyer, Woods Macoy and Audrey Mackay. Waddell is host of the award-winning “Realtree Road Trips.”