

We first spotted this big mule deer in the fall of 2005. He wintered in the same area as my brother Kyle's Boone and Crockett moose. Due to the buck's size, we had nicknamed him "King Kong." During the 2006 hunting season, I was excited to find out I had been drawn for an elusive mule deer tag. I was sure hoping I would get the big fellow because I was getting tired of hearing about Kyle's big moose. Well, you know how brothers are.

I was attending the University of Saskatchewan, so it was hard to find time to hunt. I didn't actually get out until Saturday, November 11. Accompanying me on this memorable trip were my dad, Gerry, and my boyfriend, Kent Carlson. Dad and I had been busy keeping tabs on King Kong and it wasn't long before we found him. He didn't co-operate very well with our plans and remained just over 400 yards away. Since I felt very comfortable with my gun, I decided to try for him. As my shot echoed across the cold turf, he went down in a heap.

My dad smiled and said, "Wow, what a shot!" Then blood started running down my face, the result of the infamous scope cut.

As we reached King Kong, we couldn't believe how big he was! Greatest spread is impressive at 34 6/8 inches. The antlers ended up grossing 207 5/8, and after many deductions, the buck netted 194 5/8 typical points. It was time to change my focus and go back to university, but this experience will be with me forever.



Kara's typical mule deer is the second largest ever taken by a lady hunter in the province of Saskatchewan.