Choosing a camera trap

When first introduced to the world of camera traps, it can be daunting to get started with your own, especially with the seemingly endless options available. If you're thinking about buying your own camera trap, here's a short guide to different models depending on what you're looking for.

[Browning Recon Force Advantage](#)

- **Best for:** Overall. (#1 bestseller on NatureSpy)
- **Advantages:** Superior audio-video quality to other camera traps; high photo quality; fast, reliable motion detection; decent battery life (6-7 months for photos, 3-4 months for videos); forward-facing screen so shot can be checked
- **Disadvantages:** Limited to 20 second video clips; large file sizes if using the Ultra resolution setting; not ideal for working at close range.

[Browning Strike Force HD Pro X](#)

- **Best for:** Beginners.
- **Advantages:** Good image and video quality (especially at night); small and light size; good battery life (12 months for photos, 3-4 months for videos); straightforward set-up for those unfamiliar with the options; metal bracket that allows camera to be tilted; forward-facing screen so shot can be checked.
- **Disadvantages:** Image quality can vary depending on light conditions during the day; small screen.

[Browning Command Ops Pro](#)

- **Best for:** Anyone on a budget.
- **Advantages:** Fantastic value for money; quicker speed than other cheap cameras; good quality photos in decent lighting; great battery life (13 months for photos, 6-7 months for videos).
- **Disadvantages:** Low definition in lower daylight conditions; limited to 20 second video clips; large file sizes may fill memory card quickly

[Browning Strike Force Pro XD](#)

- **Best for:** Images for personal use.
- **Advantages:** Very fast trigger speed; separate lenses tailored to day and night to improve quality of both; great battery life (11 months for photos, 4-5 months for videos); metal bracket that allows camera to be tilted; forward-facing screen so shot can be checked
- **Disadvantages:** Limited to 20 second video clips; large file sizes may fill memory card quickly

[Reconyx Hyperfire 2 Covert IR](#)

- **Best for:** Image-based research.
- **Advantages:** Excellent image quality (especially at night); able to take up to 40,000 photos on a set of lithium batteries; high number of photos per trigger; fast trigger speed; reliable and consistent detection; option for PIN lock for better security.
- **Disadvantages:** Video quality is not high definition; expensive.

[Bushnell Core DS No-glow](#)

- **Best for:** Video-based research.
- **Advantages:** Video quality is 1080p with 60fps both day and night; fast trigger speed; reliable and consistent detection; option to record both images and videos for each trigger.
- **Disadvantages:** Expensive; limited to 15 second video clips.

For more options, full reviews and photograph examples, head to https://shop.naturespy.org/ for more information.