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**THROW OVER BAG HIDE  
V  
DOME HIDE  
A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION**

Hi Kevin and team,

I was hoping you might be able to provide some advice regarding your products if you have time. I've recently started taking wildlife photography seriously and I'm interested in purchasing one of your hides however I'm uncertain between a bag hide and your standard dome hides. My decision isn't based around the price difference but rather the following;

I'll be reliant upon National Trust sites, wildlife reserves and other public spaces as I don't have access to any private land and at present I'm unfamiliar with these sites so I'm thinking the bag hide will provide more flexibility in being able to re-locate and explore the areas. However I'm not sure of the effectiveness of your bag hide compared to your dome hide, is it a practical alternative if one was planning on staying in an area for more than a few hours; I'm assuming any movement destroys the illusion and would cause the wildlife to scatter so one would have to remain very still. Does a bag hide provide a similar level of concealment as a dome hide as far as wildlife is concerned and when would a dome hide be the preferred option over a bag hide?

I've been looking on various online forums (all with great feedback for both of your products) but at present I'm still finding it difficult to decide. If you can offer any advice to help me make the right decision between a bag hide and a dome hide I'd very much appreciate it, even if you could give a few pros and cons for both from your experiences.

Thanks  
Dan

P.S If it makes any difference I'll be using a tripod and a 100-400mm lens.

**KEVIN'S ANSWER**



Hi Dan

Many thanks for your e-mail about [Dome Hides](#) and [Throw over hides](#) (Bag Hides). The choice would be based on your photography. I use the Dome Hides at my permanent winter/spring feeding station as well as by the river for my Kingfisher photography. Both situations, I spend 3-4 hours sometimes 5-6 hours in the Hide. I have space for a chair, tripod and kit. At my feeding station I have a small stool in the front corner for my mug of tea. It's a more relaxed way to watch and photograph the wildlife, but the Dome hides are positioned knowing that the wildlife will come in (although not always the case).

When I use the Throw over hide (Bag Hide), usually the [C33L-G lightweight in Hardwoods Green](#), it's more opportunistic. I'm normally out walking in the forest or across the moors. If I can see some deer in the distance, I can get in a position (depending on wind direction). If it all goes to plan, the deer come past me and I can get a shot. The positive side of using the Throw over hide (Bag Hide) is that it's compact and lightweight. You can put it around your camera kit in a bag or rucksack and you are more likely to take it out with you compared to a Dome Hide, which I only take out when I'm going to a specific location.



[C30.1-C Dome hide](#)

The main thing about wildlife photography is to break up the human shape and outline. When I'm photographing deer during the rut, I only have my tripod at a kneeling height. By using the Throw over hide (Bag Hide), your human shape is broken up more. Any slight movement just resembles leaves or a bush in the wind, but larger movement could spook any animal that is very close by. I have had some great feedback from customers who have used the Throw over hides (Bag Hides), and had some good results myself - but it is a compromise and each product works well in different situations. You wouldn't want to keep putting up a Dome Hide if you are only staying in one position for a few minutes. By using a Throw over hide (Bag Hide) you may come across a good patch/area that you would return to with a Dome Hide.

I hope this helps your decision.

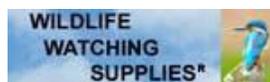
If you need any more info, I'm always happy to help.

Regards

Kevin

Thanks very much for the advice Kevin. I've just ordered a lightweight bag hide (hardwoods green) whilst I explore the local areas with a view of getting a dome hide in future once I've scoped out some good spots.

Dan



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