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Light Touch

Whether for hunting, military, or law enforcement applications, shed weight **By Peter B. Mathiesen**

Law enforcement contracts grew yet again last year, creating an increase in boot production. Although manufacturers struggled with unstable fuel costs, prices are expected to rise significantly. But one trend continues—boots are definitely getting lighter. Here's what's hot in footwear for 2012.

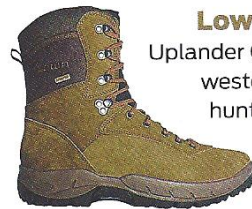
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The new low-cut Eagle Cap hiker is an 8-inch lace-up rubber boot, part of the new 365 Hunting series from Bogs. Using 4mm of Channel Air, plus 2mm of Airmesh, the boot displaces moisture for all-day comfort. The full-length lacing allows the hunter to walk in mud without the risk of walking out of the boots. Like all Bogs, the Eagle Cap is 100 per-

\$130. Booth #10132. (541-485-2070; bogsfootwear.com)

Converse

Converse's Velocity Ultralight's sturdy construction delivers an athletic feel, and this tactical boot's light weight makes it an ideal platform for physical fitness training, garrison wear, and urban combat. The four-



Lowa: The 10-inch Uplander GTX is ideal for western upland bird hunting. Stabilizers provide extra ankle support.

cent wicks moisture to keep feet dry and comfortable. The Velocity Ultralight is 100 percent non-metallic and comes in 8-inch desert tan suede, sage green suede, and black full grain. All versions use side zippers (the desert tan can be ordered without) for easy on-and-off. A composite safety toe is optional. Men's sizes 7-12. Women's sizes 6-11. www.converse.com