

Best Overall Vintage Bow Brands

These ratings are general by major brand. Of course, not all models within a brand will perform equally. The ratings are based on my personal experience after having owned and shot over 700 vintage recurve bows of most every make and model. I'm sure your list would be different. The criteria I used include design, quality of materials, workmanship, stability, comfort, smoothness, and accuracy.

“A” List

- Root
- Shakespeare
- Black Widow
- Wing
- Ben Pearson Golden Sovereign
- Groves
- Staghorn

“B” List

- Richards
- Bear
- Ben Pearson
- Browning
- Howatt
- Martin
- Colt
- Fasco
- American
- York
- Drake
- Darton
- Hoyt
- Blackhawk Galaxie

“C” List

- Arco
- SABO
- Herter's
- Tri-State/USAC
- Indian
- Black Hawk
- Eddings
- Fleetwood
- Gordon Plastics
- Stemmler
- Whiffin