Quieting Compounds Bows

Good bowhunters recognize the benefits of a quiet hunting bow. A dull sounding hunting bow is more important than just about anything. A loud, clacking bow can turn the most relaxed animal inside out before the arrow gets halfway to it.

Many things contribute to a hush-hush hunting bow. Tightened screws and bolts, stick-on fleece in key areas, string silencers, and other add-ons help a
hunting bow shoot as quietly as a slingshot. Even a fast arrow is three times slower than sound, giving the animal almost a full second to react.

To eliminate as much sound as possible:
- Apply Moleskin around the arrow shelf
- If you use prong rests, make sure they are coated with shrink tubing to prevent the noise of the arrow shaft sliding across the launcher arms during draw and release.
- String silencers should be tied onto the bowstring on the upper and lower edges.
- Stick moleskin onto the bow's shelf underneath and beside your arrow rest to capture any "clang" associated with the arrow falling off of the rest.
- You can also use moleskin in the limb pockets to hush even more vibration.
- Always use a stabilizer.
- Occasionally a bow sight can rattle loose and make unwanted racket. Check the hex bolts regularly to make sure they are snug and rattle-free. Put a drop of Loctite to the bolts that screw the sight into the riser as well as the two other bolts that hold the quiver adapter to your sight guard.
- If you hunt with a bow-attached quiver, as most of us do, select your hunting quiver carefully. Besides making sure that it is tightened down sufficiently, different models make less noise than others when shot. The best quivers house broadheads underneath a roomy, foam-filled hood. Arrow shaft grippers hold the shafts tightly a hand's length above the fletching to prevent excessive tremble and noise. Also, good quivers are designed to keep feather or vane fletching from rubbing together when filled.
- Hush your arrow rest. Felt and Teflon products should be applied in places where the arrow slides.