My Favorite Vintage Bows

Over the years, I have owned and shot over 700 vintage recurve bows of most every make and model. Here is the list of my favorite all-time bows, including a list of the best performing economical entry-level bows. I based this list on the bow's design, quality of materials, workmanship, comfort, smoothness, and accuracy.

Target Bows

- Root Pendulus Supreme
- Damon Howatt Del Rey
- Shakespeare Professional
- Black Widow X-99 and 101
- Root Target Master
- BP Golden Sovereign Lord Mercury
- Groves Prestige
- Browning Challenge
- Bear Tamerlane and HC-30 (phenolic Tamerlane)
- Wing Presentation
- Darton Thunderbird
- Hoyt Pro Medalist

All-Purpose Bows (AMO 58"- 62")

- Shakespeare Kaibab
- Damon Howatt Super Diablo
- Wing Chaparral
- Ben Pearson Renegade
- Shakespeare Ocala
- Ben Pearson Rogue
- Hoyt Pro Hunter
- Damon Howatt Hi-Speed
- Groves Spitfire Magnum
- Shakespeare Proline Condor
- Ben Pearson Mustang

Short Hunting Bows

- Shakespeare Cascade X-29
- Bear Super Magnum 48
- Shakespeare Super Necedah X-30
- Ben Pearson H-52
- Browning Cobra
- 52" Wing Thunderbird
- Bear Kodiak Magnum
- American Super Nitro
- York Thunderbolt

Economical Budget Bows

- Any Shakespeare model (Sierra, Trident, Custer, Gull)
- Damon Howatt Cavalier
- American Mark II
- Ben Pearson Colt, Cougar and Gamester
- Browning Wasp
- Darton Clipper, Classic and Valiant
- Wing Falcon and Hawk
- York Crest and Cresent