

Federal Duck Stamps = Big Win for Conservation!

Buy them from The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Inc.

What is a Federal Duck Stamp?

A Federal Duck Stamp, formally known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, is a **revenue stamp** that hunters 16 years of age and older must purchase each year and carry with them to hunt waterfowl. It is also a **conservation stamp** because proceeds from stamp sales help purchase and protect wetland habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System.



2018-2019 Duck Stamp Art – Mallards

Why Buy Federal Duck Stamps?

Conservationists buy Federal Duck Stamps because they know that the stamp is, dollar for dollar, one of the best investments they can make in the future of America's wetlands. Some 98 percent of the proceeds go to secure wetland and grassland habitat within the system. **Birders and other outdoor enthusiasts** annually buy Duck Stamps to gain free admission to national wildlife refuges. The stamp is valid from **July 1 to June 30**.

How Much Land Has Been Purchased?

Federal Duck Stamp sales have raised over \$800 million since the program began in 1934, and they have helped acquire and protect more than six million acres of wetlands within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Wisconsin refuges funded in part by Federal Duck Stamp sales include:

- Horicon National Wildlife Refuge
- Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
- Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
- Wisconsin Waterfowl Production Areas, which preserve small natural wetlands and their associated uplands

How Can You Display Your Support for Conservation?

By using WSO's holder to display a Duck Stamp you can demonstrate that birders contribute voluntarily to habitat preservation.

To learn more, visit the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service website: www.fws.gov/duckstamps

WSO's Program

Stamps are available from WSO beginning late in June and ending December 25. **NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN DECEMBER 25 AND MAY 31.** In a consignment program, WSO purchases Duck Stamps and sells them at the price offered by other outlets (WSO does not make a profit on these sales).

WSO also offers a reusable clear-plastic key-ring-type holder for the Duck Stamp (shown at right) that you can attach to your binocular strap, pack, etc., so everyone can see that you support this worthwhile conservation effort. Stamps and holders are available from WSO on a prepaid basis only.



- If you want **only stamps**, send a check for **\$25 for each stamp**, plus **one self-addressed stamped envelope**, to the address below.
OR
- If you want **stamps and reusable plastic holders**, send a check for **\$28.50 for each stamp and holder**, plus **the form below**.

Make checks payable to WSO and send your request to: WSO Duck Stamps
c/o Christine Zimmerman
2708 Eisner Ave
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Questions: 920.980.8083 or
jeff.chris@att.net

If you are ordering stamps and holders, include your name and address on the following form; **if you are ordering stamps only, do not use this form.**

Name _____

Address _____
