

The Annual Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Duck Stamp

Buying a duck stamp as a hunter or non-hunter is a good way to support wetland and Grassland conservation for birds and other wildlife. The annual Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation {duck} Stamp isn't just for "ducks", but supports all birds and other wildlife. Stamp artwork is chosen through a juried competition, and the stamps are a popular collectible item.

98%, or \$14.70, of the \$15 duck stamp fee goes directly to the purchase of long-term easements to protect high priority habitat areas. These protected areas are then either included into the National Wildlife Refuge System or made a Waterfowl Production Area. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service identifies and prioritizes wetland and grassland habitats that have willing sellers, and many, if not all, of these habitats are being threatened by complete destruction, fragmentation or degradation. This makes the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp one of the most cost-effective conservation tools anyone can imagine.

Anyone interested in birds, other wildlife, or natural habitats can purchase an annual Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp annually at most US Post Offices. There is an effort underway to establish a nation-wide public education and wholesale marketing campaign to greatly expand stamp sales, and interested conservationists may contact Ric at Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com for more information.

Duck stamps are available to purchase at the Alaska Geographic store, located in the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.