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1961-62 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP DESIGN SELECTED

A mallard hen and eight ducklings in natural habitat will be the design on the 1961-62 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting stamp, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Edward A. Morris, 6824 38th Avenue, North, Minneapolis 27, Minnesota, drew the winning design, a black and white wash drawing which the artist titled "Nine Mallards". Selection was made from nearly 100 drawings submitted to the 12th annual "duck stamp" contest conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service. "Habitat Produces Ducks" was the theme of the contest.

The judging committee was composed of the six regional directors of the Bureau and two representatives of conservation organizations: Dan Poole, Wildlife Management Institute, and Michael Hudoba, Washington editor of Sports Afield.

This will be the 28th stamp of the Federal duck stamp series which began in 1934. It is the third stamp of the \$3 series.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of the distribution and sale. It goes on sale on July 1 and expires the following June 30. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have a stamp on his person. The stamp is not valid unless the name of the hunter is written across its face. The duck stamp is required in addition to a State hunting license.

All revenue from the sale of the stamps, other than funds needed to reimburse the Post Office Department for the actual cost of printing and distribution, is used in the selection and acquisition of migratory bird areas under the provision of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Normally more than two million stamps are sold annually.

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(NOTE: Glossy prints of the winning duck stamp design are available on a loan basis for reproduction in newspapers and magazines from the Office of Information, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.)