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DUCK STAMP TO FEATURE WHITE WINGED SCOTERS

The design of two white winged scoters rising from water was chosen today for the 1969-70 Federal Duck Stamp. Maynard Reece of Des Moines, Iowa, created the winning entry, a black and white watercolor drawing.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife said that 218 entries were received in the 20th Federal Duck Stamp Contest. Selection was based on anatomical accuracy, artistic composition, and suitability for engraving.

Judges were Ira N. Gabrielson of the Wildlife Management Institute, Fred G. Evenden of The Wildlife Society, Ash Brownridge of the National Wildlife Federation, Carl Scheele of the Smithsonian Institution, and Reuben Barrick of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Reece, a professional wildlife artist, is the first four-time winner of the contest. He also won in 1947 with buffleheads, in 1950 with gadwalls, and in 1958 with a mallard.

Edward Bierly of Lorton, Virginia, a National Park Service employee, won second and third places. His second place entry was a black and white watercolor drawing of Ross' geese. For third place he drew a black and white watercolor of Alaskan emperor geese. Bierly won the contest in 1955 and 1962.

This will be the first time that white winged scoters have appeared on the duck stamp.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department. The 1969-70 stamp will go on sale July 1, 1969, and will be valid through June 1970. Every migratory-waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older must purchase this \$3 stamp with a State hunting license.

All revenue from duck stamps, except the cost of printing and distribution, is used for acquisition of wetlands for waterfowl. Nearly 2 million stamps were sold last year.

Artists from 32 states competed in this year's contest. Minnesota had 25 entries from 12 artists. Maryland and Virginia were second with 17 entries.

C. G. Pritchard of Lincoln, Nebraska, designed the current stamp which features hooded mergansers. Information on other designs since the stamps were first issued in 1934 is contained in "Duck Stamp Data," a publication available for 25 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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Glossy prints of the winning design are available from the Office of Conservation Education; Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; U.S. Department of the Interior; Washington, D.C. 20240.