



# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

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### SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS? "DUCK STAMPS" MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

You can give the gift of wildlife this holiday season for less than the cost of almost any other present!

The Federal "Duck Stamp" is an easy and inexpensive way to invest in the future of America's migratory birds and other wild creatures.

By buying the colorful \$7.50 conservation stamp, you provide the money to acquire land for national wildlife refuges throughout the United States. Your dollars, by law, go directly into the purchase of vanishing wetlands and other types of wild places for birds, deer, fish, and many endangered and threatened species. For 50 years, the "Duck Stamp" has been one of America's premier national conservation programs, contributing more than \$270 million to wildlife protection.

There's no easier way to get serious about wildlife conservation than by buying "Duck Stamps." They're a great gift for friends, relatives, and co-workers who care about wildlife. The real estate that the "Duck Stamp" buys will give them a real stake in the Nation's conservation effort.

"Duck Stamps" also can be valuable collector's items. Stamp collectors, hobbyists, artists, and outdoor enthusiasts of every description prize the "Duck Stamp" for its beauty and uniqueness.

Where can you get a "Duck Stamp"? Ignore the crowded shopping malls and holiday traffic jams. "Duck Stamps" are as close as your nearest post office and many national wildlife refuges. The 1983-84 issue is currently on sale and the last three issues can be purchased from the U.S. Postal Service's Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C. 20265-9997. (Write the Postal Service for its latest color philatelic catalog showing back issues.) In addition, many wildlife art galleries and stamp dealers have materials for mounting your "Duck Stamp."

Stock up with stocking stuffers this year as you mail your holiday greeting cards. Ask your local post office for the "Duck Stamp." It may be your most talked about gift of the holiday season!

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Write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a free pamphlet about the special message that the "Duck Stamp" carries. A copy of "The 'Duck Stamp' Story" will make your holiday gift all the more meaningful. Write: Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.