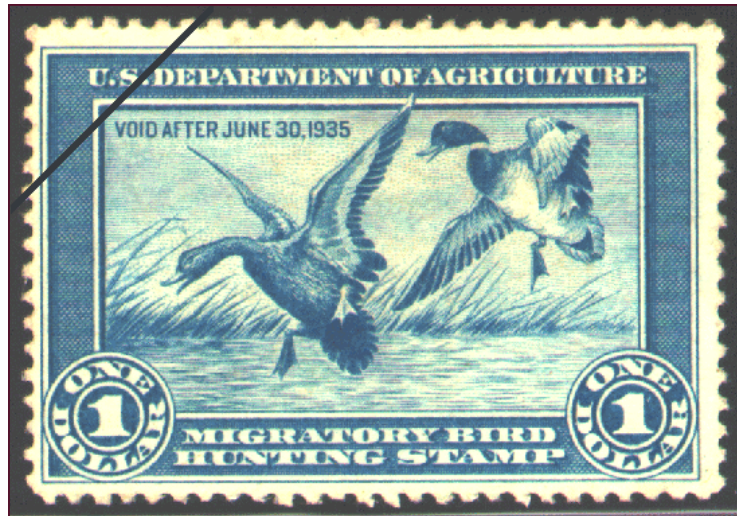


Handout #2: Duck Stamp Information



Plates Issued: Intaglio—#129199, #129200, #129201, #129202. **Color:** Blue. **Designer/Modeler:** Alvin R. Meissner. **Engravers:** Vignette—Carl T. Arlt; Letters—Frank Lamasure; Numerals—Frank Lamasure. **First Day of Sale:** August 14, 1934 **Issue:** 1934 - First Duck Stamp **Quantity Sold:** 635,001

Inscription: Front "U.S. Department of Agriculture. Void after June 30, 1935. Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. One Dollar."

Brush and ink drawings of Mallards by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a famous cartoonist and noted conservationist. The artist was chief of the Biological Survey, a precursor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, from 1934 to 1936. "Ding" conceived the idea of using duck stamps to raise money for the purchase of wetlands.

"Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, commonly known as 'Duck Stamps,' are pictorial stamps produced by the U.S. Postal Service for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. They are not valid for postage. Originally created in 1934 as the federal licenses required for hunting migratory waterfowl, Federal Duck Stamps have a much larger purpose today.

"Federal Duck Stamps are a vital tool for wetland conservation. Ninety-eight cents out of every dollar generated by the sales of Federal Duck Stamps goes directly to purchase or lease wetland habitat for protection in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Understandably, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has been called one of the most successful conservation programs ever initiated and is a highly effective way to conserve America's natural resources.

"Besides serving as a hunting license and a conservation tool, a current year's Federal Duck Stamp also serves as an entrance pass for National Wildlife Refuges where admission is normally charged. Duck Stamps and the products that bear duck stamp images are also popular collector items."

<http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/Info/Stamps/stampinfo.htm#view>

"The Act of March 16, 1934; Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act as Amended: Requires every waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older to annually purchase and carry a stamp and earmarks proceeds from the sale of Duck Stamps to buy and lease waterfowl habitat. The stamps must be issued and sold by the Postal Service at (1) each first and second class Post Office, and (2) any establishment, facility, or location as the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior direct or authorize; and may be sold by the Department of the Interior pursuant to regulations prescribed jointly by the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior. Receipts from the sale of stamps must be deposited in the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund."

<http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/Info/Stamps/stamplaw.htm>

"The Bureau of Biological Survey of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was transferred by Presidential order to the Department of the Interior on July 1, 1939. On July 1, 1940, the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were merged in the Department of the Interior to form the Fish and Wildlife Service."

<http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/federal/stamps/1939fedstamp.htm>

