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CANVASBACKS BY BENSON TO FLY  
ON DUCK STAMPS FOR NEXT YEAR

The duck stamp for the 1935-36 hunting season will be another work of art appealing to collectors as well as to sportsmen and conservationists desiring to help in the establishment of waterfowl refuges, officials of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey predicted today (December 29) in announcing receipt of a new stamp design by Frank W. Benson.

Mr. Benson, noted American painter who has been called the dean of American duck etchers, depicts three canvasbacks in their first sweep through the air after taking off from a placid surface interspersed with water plants. The drawing will be forwarded to the Post Office Department, where the complete design will be made.

The second migratory-bird hunting stamp will follow the precedent established by the first one, designed by J. N. Darling, famous cartoonist "Ding" who is Chief of the Biological Survey, and the officials expressed an expectation that future stamps will continue to provide a series representing the work of prominent artists.

Like this season's stamp, which may still be purchased, the one for 1935-36 will be on sale at post offices for \$1, and 90 percent of the proceeds from the sales will be used in acquiring refuge areas in connection with the Bureau's program of waterfowl restoration. The remaining 10 percent is used in administration of the Act of Congress authorizing the stamp and requiring that one be in the possession of every person over 16 years of age who hunts ducks, geese, or brant.

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