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"DUCK STAMP" SALES TOP RECORD
SET IN 1934-35 BY FIRST STAMP ✓

"Duck stamps", costing \$1 each, which migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 are required to buy each year, have reached a new sales high of more than \$757,000 for the 1937-38 year. Final reports are expected to boost this figure. Proceeds supplement other Federal funds used by the U. S. Biological Survey in acquiring, developing, and maintaining refuges for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Sales this year have exceeded the \$635,001 realized from the first stamp during the 1934-35 season by nearly 20 percent, and last year's sales of \$603,623 by more than 25 percent.

All "duck stamps" show wild ducks or geese of different species in some characteristic flight phase. J. D. Knap designed the current stamp showing five scaups, or bluebills flying over a windswept marsh. The stamp for the 1938-39 season, which goes on sale July 1, is the work of Roland Clark and shows a pair of pintails coming in to a landing.

After June 30, all unsold stamps of the current issue will be destroyed as required by law. Closed issues can be obtained only from stamp collectors, dealers, or others willing to part with them.

Stamps on sale at post offices may be bought singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. Post offices in all county seat towns, in cities of 2,500 population and over, and other specially designated post offices sell them. None are sold, however, by either the Biological Survey or the Philatelic Division of the Post Office Department.

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