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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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#### COLLECTORS HAVE UNTIL JUNE 30 TO PURCHASE 1940 DUCK STAMPS

Stamp collectors have only until June 30 to buy the 1940 issue of the migratory waterfowl hunting stamp at their local first- and second-class post offices, officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, said today. On July 1 the 1941 stamp will go on sale.

More than 1,200,000 of these so-called "duck stamps" already have been sold this year, according to latest figures from the Post Office Department. It is estimated that some 20,000 of these were purchased by philatelists.

"There has been an increased demand for back issues in this series," a Service official said, "but except for the 1940 stamp the series is available only from private collectors or stores."

"Duck stamps" must be purchased by all migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 years old.

The 1940 stamp, seventh in the series, is a drawing by Francis L. Jacques and shows a pair of black ducks flying down wind over a marsh area. Wild rice is shown in the background. Nearly twice the size of a special delivery stamp, the "duck stamp" may be purchased singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps.