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DESIGN FOR NEW FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP" ANNOUNCED

The design selected for the Federal "duck stamp" to be used during the 1949-50 hunting season will feature goldeneye ducks, Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

All duck stamps show wild ducks or geese of different species in some characteristic flight phase. The design for the 1949-50 stamp is the work of "Roge" E. Preuss, free lance artist and decoy designer of 3618 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. The original sketch, a black and white wash drawing, shows a male and female goldeneye winging in to a quiet cove to view the courtship antics of two male ducks on the water.

Sixteenth in the series, the new migratory bird hunting stamp, generally called "duck stamp", is now on its way to the engravers and will be available to hunters and philatelists at all first- and second-class post offices on July 1. All migratory-waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age are required by law to purchase and have a stamp of current issue duly signed when hunting.

Sold for \$1, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's wildlife refuge program. Ninety percent of the money realized from the sale of the stamps is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 percent is used for printing and distribution of the stamps, enforcement of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal activities for migratory bird conservation.

During the 1947-48 season 1,722,677 duck stamps were sold, a decrease of 294,142 from the all-time high record sale of 2,016,819 stamps during fiscal year 1947.

(A limited number of photographs are available for reproduction in newspapers and magazines.)

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