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1960-61 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP DESIGN SELECTED

A black and white wash drawing featuring redhead ducks--a drake, hen, and four ducklings swimming in the reeds--has been chosen as the design for the 1960-61 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, the Department of the Interior announced today.

John A. Ruthven, 6508 Stewart Road, Cincinnati 36, Ohio, is the artist who drew the winning design for the 11th annual "duck stamp" competition conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

The judging committee was composed of six regional directors of the Bureau and Joseph W. Penfold, Conservation Director, Izaak Walton League of America; Charles H. Callison, Conservation Director, National Wildlife Federation, C. R. Gutermuth, Vice President, Wildlife Management Institute, and Michael Hudoba, Washington editor of Sports Afield.

The theme being portrayed for the 1960-61 issue is: "Wildlife Needs Water: Preserve Potholes."

This will be the 27th stamp to be issued in the Federal duck stamp series. The first stamp went on sale in 1934. The 1960-61 stamp will be the second of the \$3 series, as authorized by Public Law 85-585.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of its distribution and sale. It goes on sale on July 1, and expires on the following June 30. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face. This stamp is required in addition to a State hunting license.

More than two million duck stamps are normally sold annually. Duck stamp revenues have been used in past years to supplement other funds appropriated to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the purchase, development, administration, and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. Effective July 1, 1960, all receipts from the sale of duck stamps, other than funds needed to reimburse the Post

Office Department for the actual stamp costs, are to be used for the acquisition of suitable areas for migratory bird refuges under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

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(NOTE: Glossy prints of the winning duck stamp design are available on a loan basis for reproduction in newspapers and magazines from the Office of Information, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.)