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## FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENCY ANNOUNCES 1970 DUCK STAMP CONTEST

The Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife announced today that artists have until December 1 to submit drawings or paintings for its annual duck stamp contest. The winning entry will be reproduced on the 1970-71 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp.

Previously only black and white designs were permitted, but this year drawings may also be submitted in full color. Any American waterfowl except the old squaw, canvasback, hooded merganser, white-winged scoter, and whistling swan will be acceptable. These species are excluded because they were featured on the past five stamps.

Waterfowl that have never appeared on the stamp include cinnamon teal, red-breasted merganser, common and surf scoters, fulvous and black-bellied tree ducks, Barrow's goldeneye, and emperor, cackling, and Ross' geese.

Waterfowl hunters age 16 and above are required to purchase these Federal stamps. Receipts finance land acquisitions for wildlife refuges.

Contest judges represent the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Wildlife Federation, the Wilderness Society, and the Wildlife Management Institute. The winning artist receives an album containing a sheet of the stamps he designed.

### Contest rules:

The design must be horizontal, 7 inches by 5 inches, and on a mat no larger than 8 by 11 inches in order to facilitate judging. Drawing may be pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, or other drawing technique.

No scroll work or lettering can appear on the picture itself, but the artist's signature and the name of the species, plus a title for the drawing, should be added just below the picture. The artist's name and address must be printed on the back of the entry.

No picture can be accepted in a wooden frame or under glass, each should be mounted on a mat with a covering of tissue or acetate. Artists may submit up to three drawings. Each must be accompanied by a signed copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights.

The agreement and a copy of the "Rules for the 1970-71 Duck Stamp Design Contest" are available from the Office of Conservation Education, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D. C. 20240.