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WILDLIFE THICK AS AUTUMN LEAVES IN NEW CONSERVATION POSTER OFFERED FOR SALE

Excited birdwatchers are witness to a wildlife scene that's alive with over two dozen birds, mammals, and fish on the latest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service poster promoting the sale of duck stamps to everyone interested in wildlife conservation.

The loss of living space is the greatest threat to wildlife today. Revenue from the sale of these stamps buys land and sets it aside for wildlife.

The 28"x42" full-color poster is being offered for sale to the public at \$1.80 through the Government Printing Office. Copies may be obtained at all GPO bookstores or by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for poster #024-010-00410-0.

Canada geese alight in a cornfield while a bald eagle harasses a slower flying osprey bearing a fish. Ducks, turtles, weasels, deer, and a variety of songbirds preen, roost, and watch. Herons and bitterns wade in the marsh scene and an occasional largemouth bass explodes from the water. Children will study it for hours.

The theme is to encourage all Americans to buy a duck stamp. This is the revenue stamp sold annually to duck hunters. It was known officially as the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, but with the enactment of the Wetlands Loan Extension Act of 1976 in February the stamp's name was changed to the Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp by Congress.

The newly named stamp will be offered for sale at a wider variety of outlets starting next July. They were only available at U.S. Post Offices before. Now, however, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets will be authorized to sell the stamp. Regulations prescribing the sales outlets for these stamps will be forthcoming in the next few months.

