

# WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

## FEDERAL - STATE - TRIBAL

The need for waterfowl stamps can be traced to the early part of the twentieth century when waterfowl levels were critically low. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 was the first step the government took to accept responsibility for the protection of waterfowl in the U.S. On March 16, 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act which provided funding for the purchase and development of federal waterfowl areas through the sale of Federal waterfowl stamps.

It was not long before some state and local governments began requiring hunters to purchase waterfowl hunting stamps as a way to generate revenue for their own waterfowl programs. Marion County, Kansas became the first local government to issue waterfowl stamps. South Dakota required waterfowl hunters to purchase a statewide stamp in 1949 and 1950. California and Illinois began issuing stamps in the 1950's that were required for local areas.

In the late 1950's, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota became the first tribal government to require the purchase of stamps before hunting waterfowl on an Indian Reservation. In the 1960's additional Indian tribes began requiring hunters to purchase stamps.

Pictorial state waterfowl stamps were first issued by California in 1971, when Paul Johnson was commissioned to design a stamp for the state. Iowa followed in 1972. Other states followed suit until Hawaii became the 50th state to issue a special stamp in 1996. Tennessee became the first state to issue a non-resident pictorial stamp in 1979 and 1980. Due to demand by collectors, several states began issuing stamps in two formats - one for hunters and the other primarily for collectors. Arkansas was the first in 1981, followed by North Dakota and South Carolina in 1982. Since many collectors were unaware of both formats, only a small percentage of the hunter stamps went to collectors.

In the late 1980's, the US Fish and Wildlife service encouraged many tribal governments to formally organize their fish and wildlife programs. Many of these programs included stamp and license requirements. In 1989, Crow Creek Sioux became the first Indian Reservation to issue a pictorial waterfowl stamp. These stamps were not issued with collectors in mind. Instead, they were trying to conform to standards set by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. Very few stamps were issued.

This exhibit is divided into three levels of government which taken together tell the US waterfowl stamp story.

- 1) Federal duck stamps
- 2) State and Local waterfowl stamps
- 3) Tribal (Indian Reservation) stamps.

All Federal waterfowl stamps are represented and shown with proper usage. The vast majority of important state, local and tribal stamps are included. Due to space limitations, much of the common material is excluded from this exhibit.

### Important items in this exhibit included in the **Federal section:**

Licenses representing all fifty states are in this section

- Provisional Form 3333
- Mississippi, Washington DC and Hawaii on Form 3333
- Form 3333's from 1936, 1937, 1939 and 1941.
- 1957 Inverted inscription
- Proofs - 1937 Large Die; 1943 and 1945 Small Die
- 1984 Special printing plate block.

### In the **State and local section:**

- California Honey Lake Stamps from 1956, 1958 and 1981
- Colorado goose stamp
- Delaware 1980 Imperforate between top pair
- Florida 1981 color missing
- Illinois 1953 and 1956 daily usage stamps, example on license plus only recorded multiple
- Kansas Marion county 1947, and 1954 on license (the later two showing only known combination usage)
- Kansas Marion county 1948 combination usage
- Kansas Marion county 1969 Dusk error, 1964 Reversed lines, 1973 single

### In the **Tribal (Indian Reservation) section:**

- Crow Creek 1962 small game, 1990 Non-resident stamp with missing serial number and 1994 Waterfowl error
- Rosebud 1961, 1963 and 1993 Small Game Non-Resident overprinted Resident
- Fort Peck 1976 Bird stamp with duplicate serial numbers
- Fort Peck 1977 Bird stamp
- Cheyenne River proofs and bird & small game rouletted imperforate between error
- Flathead 1987 and 1988 full panes
- Colville stamps