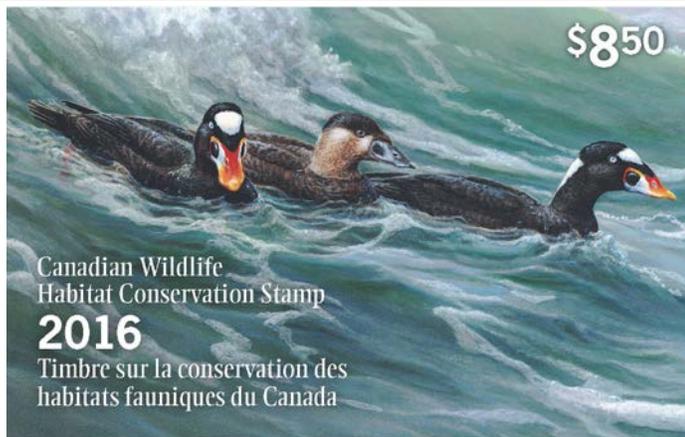


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2016 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Canadian Duck Stamp: Investment in Conservation



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The 2016 Canadian Duck Stamp, featuring the image "Offshore Wind – Surf Scoters" by wildlife artist Pierre Leduc of Stoneham (QC).

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permits for the 2016 season will be available for sale beginning August 2, 2016.

The Permit, with Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp (*also known as the Canadian Duck Stamp*), is required to hunt waterfowl and migratory game birds in Canada.

Permits can be purchased **online** using Environment and Climate Change Canada's [e-permitting system](#), at Canada Post outlets and through some [independent vendors](#).

[The Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations \(MBHR\)](#) for the 2016-2017 season have been published and are available on Environment and Climate Change Canada's website.

Hunters are required to verify the provincial / territorial regulations pertaining to hunting and the carrying of firearms for the area(s) in which they plan to hunt.

Additional information on the [Migratory Bird Convention Act, 1994 and regulations](#) is available on Environment and Climate Change Canada's website or can be obtained via their Inquiry Centre (1-800-668-6767).

Canadian Duck Stamp

The Canadian Duck Stamp, which validates the permit, is primarily purchased by waterfowl hunters; however, the Stamp is also purchased by collectors and individuals interested in supporting Canadian conservation efforts. Proceeds from the Stamp are transferred to WHC to fund its habitat conservation grant program. Since 1985, WHC has invested over \$50 million in support of more than 1,500 conservation projects across Canada.

In 2015-2016, WHC provided 39 grants to 29 organizations (*including Ducks Unlimited Canada, Delta Waterfowl, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*), totalling over \$1.421M in funding. A number of these projects focused on hunter education and recruitment activities, aiming to promote and increase interest in waterfowl hunting.

Wildlife Habitat Canada (www.whc.org) is a national, not-for-profit, non-governmental, charitable conservation organization that was established in 1984. WHC's objectives are to: 1) provide funding for wildlife conservation programs in Canada; 2) conserve, restore and enhance wildlife habitat; 3) foster coordination and leadership in the conservation community; and, 4) promote the conservation contributions of waterfowl hunters and encourage participation in waterfowl hunting.

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