

Wildlife Habitat Canada shines a light on the Wood Duck and all its glory

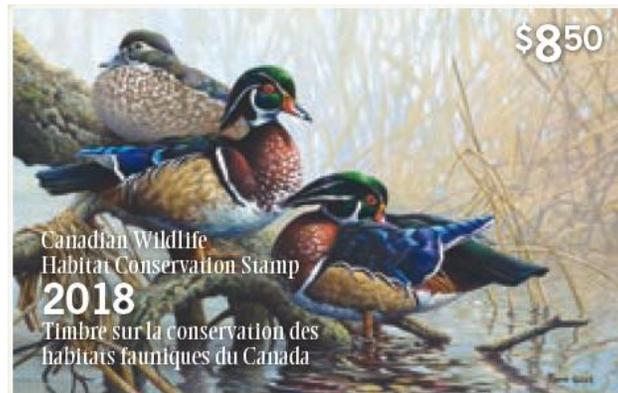
Even for a non-bird enthusiast, the Wood Duck is spectacular. How can you mistake its iridescent plumage, stunning red eyes and perky personality? Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) is excited to present the **34th Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print (CWHC)** for 2018 in honour of this remarkable waterfowl.

Pierre Girard from Sorel-Tracy (QC) is a veteran artist with WHC. His painting, entitled *Autumn Colors - Wood Duck* puts the spotlight on the species, depicting “three peaceful Wood Ducks on a tree trunk emerging from the water on a foggy morning.” The detail and precision of this artwork cannot go unnoticed.

This one-of-a-kind piece represents a long tradition of connecting art and conservation. 2018 marks the 34th year that **Wildlife Habitat Canada** will be working to provide conservation grants nation-wide using the funds from the sale of the Stamp and Print. Waterfowl hunters are required to validate their Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permits (MGBH) with the purchase of an affixed Stamp every year. As well, stamp collectors, art enthusiasts and conservationists can purchase other Stamp or Print products to support conservation. Funds collected are directed to our grant program and distributed to conservation groups that work to restore, protect and enhance wildlife habitat across Canada.

Since 1985, WHC has provided more than \$50 million to conservation projects and in the past 5 years alone, the program has contributed to over 1 200 000 acres of habitat being conserved, enhanced and restored.

The 2018 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp,
featuring the image “*Autumn Colours – Wood Duck*”
by artist Pierre Girard, Sorel-Tracy, QC.



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Stamp Launch Event:

April 1, 2018: Collector Stamps are available for purchase through [Rousseau Timbres & Monnaies à la Baie](#). Prints and other WHC products are available through [Wildlife Habitat Canada](#).

April 14, 2018: An Artist Launch event will be held at *Rousseau Timbres & Monnaies à la Baie* in Montreal (QC), featuring artist Pierre Girard and his original painting *Autumn Colours - Wood Duck*.

About the artist:

Pierre Girard is a lover of nature and has been reproducing it as faithfully as possible since 1987. His work gives him the opportunity to communicate the importance of preserving wildlife and its environment. He is inspired by beautiful landscapes and contrasting colours; he paints animal life with the sole objective of reproducing every movement and every glance.

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Wildlife Habitat Canada is a national, not-for-profit, non-governmental conservation organization established in 1984. Our 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.