The N.C. Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print program, established in 1983 by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, generates revenue for waterfowl conservation in the state, including acquiring and improving habitat. Proceeds from the sale of stamps and prints are designated for the Commission’s Waterfowl Fund, which has raised more than $4.3 million since its inception. The money is used to help North Carolina meet its financial obligations in implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the international agreement helping restore waterfowl populations throughout the continent. In addition, funds have been used to support waterfowl research and to buy equipment used to manage wetlands.

A portrayal of a pair of Hooded Mergansers by artist Scot Storm was selected as the 2014 North Carolina Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print. A nationwide competition sponsored by the East Carolina Wildfowl Guild has been used to select the annual conservation stamp since 2008. The stamp and print are available for purchase through the Commission at ncwildlife.org/licensing.

Report Bird Bands @ www.reportband.gov or 1-800-327-BAND

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See the 2014–2015 N.C. Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest for additional migratory game bird hunting regulations including a summary of federal regulations and definitions and non-toxic shot requirements. ncwildlife.org
**SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS**

**Mourning Doves & White-winged doves**
- September 1st—October 11th
- November 27th—January 15th
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

**Woodcock**
- December 18th—January 31st
- Daily Bag: 3, Possession: 9

**Common Snipe**
- November 14th—February 28th
- Daily Bag: 8, Possession: 24

**King & Clapper Rails**
- September 8th—October 11th
- October 27th—December 1st
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

**Sora & Virginia Rails**
- September 8th—October 11th
- October 27th—December 1st
- Daily Bag: 25, Possession: 75

**Gallinule & Moorhen**
- September 8th—October 11th
- October 27th—December 1st
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

**Canada Geese** (September only)
- September 1st—September 30th (statewide)
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

**Teal** (September Season, East of Highway 17 only)
- Includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal
- September 6th—September 24th
- Daily Bag: 6, Possession: 18

**WOODCOCK**
- December 18th—January 31st
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- October 27th—December 1st
- Daily Bag: 25, Possession: 75

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- September 8th—October 11th
- October 27th—December 1st
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

**CANADA GEESE** (September only)
- September 1st—September 30th (statewide)
- Daily Bag: 15, Possession: 45

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- Includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal
- September 6th—September 24th
- Daily Bag: 6, Possession: 18

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**NORTH CAROLINA WATERFOWL PRIVILEGE AND STAMP:**

For resident hunters, this additional privilege and fee is not required if you hold a Sportsman’s License (lifetime, disabled, or annual), or a Comprehensive Hunting License (lifetime or annual). You are required to purchase this additional privilege for all other license types. For non-resident hunters this fee is not required for Lifetime Sportsman’s license holders, but is required for those non-residents holding a short-term or basic non-resident hunting license. Hunters are no longer required to carry the North Carolina duck stamp while hunting for waterfowl; however, the current year’s duck stamp will be available for collecting purposes. Call 1-888-248-6834 for more information.

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**FEDERAL DUCK STAMP:**

Waterfowl hunters are required to carry on their possession the Federal duck stamp, signed in ink across the face. Federal duck stamps can be obtained at most U.S. Post Offices or at selected Wildlife Service Agents. Visit duckstamp.com to order the duck stamp online or to find the duck stamp retailer nearest you.

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**Note:** In that area west of U.S. Highway 17, expanded hunting methods are allowed for Canada geese. These include: a) shooting hours are extended to 1/2 hour after sunset, b) unplugged guns are permitted, c) electronic calls are permitted. This applies to this area only during the month of September.

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**SHOOTING HOURS**

Shooting hours for all species are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset, with the following exception:

- Shooting hours for Canada geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. This applies only to the area west of U.S. Highway 17 and only during the month of September.

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**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

All hunters 16 years of age or older must obtain a state hunting license. Several license types are available. See the 2014–2015 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest for more information on license types and requirements.

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**HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP):**

All hunters pursuing migratory game birds (ducks, woodcock, waterfowl etc.) must obtain HIP certification prior to hunting. In North Carolina, HIP certification is free of charge and can be obtained at a Wildlife Service agent (license agent), by phone at 888-248-6834 or online at ncwildlife.org. When obtaining online, lifetime license holders should click on the lifetime license holder seasonal information button. While obtaining HIP certification, you will be asked a series of screening questions that identify which species of migratory game birds you have hunted in the past and general success. These screening questions simply identify you as a migratory game bird hunter. You may be contacted at a later date by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to participate in additional voluntary harvest surveys. Hunters must be HIP certified in North Carolina even if they have been HIP certified in another state. Persons exempt by law from the state hunting license requirement are not required to obtain the HIP certification.

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