

2008 NJ Duck Stamp Print

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee is proud to announce the 25th Anniversary Edition Waterfowl Stamp painted by wildlife artist Rob Leslie. The stamp features a hen and drake canvasback.

The canvasback is one of the largest and fastest flying ducks in North America. Flocks fly in a large V-shaped formation with reported speeds of more than 70 miles per hour. Canvasbacks feed mainly by diving for their favorite food, wild celery. They nest on marshes, wintering on lakes, bays and estuaries. The canvasback usually takes a new mate each year, pairing in late winter and sometimes utilizing the nests of other canvasbacks to lay their eggs.

About the Artist



Artist Rob Leslie currently resides in Turnersville, New Jersey. Originally a Wisconsin native, he graduated from Oconomowoc High School in 1965. As a young man, Leslie left the Badger State for a life on the road as a traveling musician, playing organ and guitar for a rock and roll band known as the Messengers. After settling down in the medical equipment field, he decided to visit the Easton Waterfowl Festival on a whim that proved to be truly inspirational. The experience encouraged him to seriously pursue his own hobby as a wildlife artist.

Less than a year after entering the field of wildlife art, Leslie won the Delaware Duck Stamp Contest and similar contests in Pennsylvania and Idaho. In addition to designing the 2008 25th Anniversary Edition New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp, his art was selected for the Garden State's 1986, 1992 and 1997 stamps. Leslie's art is also featured on several other states' duck stamps and he was chosen as Ducks Unlimited International Artist of the Year in 1996.

Currently, Rob displays his art at the Easton Waterfowl Festival, Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show, Wings and Water Festival, Havre de Grace Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival, and Toms River Art and Decoy Festival. His original paintings can be viewed at Ron Kobli's Decoys and Wildlife Gallery in Frenchtown, New Jersey

The Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife administers the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program for the purpose of purchasing wetlands for waterfowl habitat. Proceeds from the sale of New Jersey's Duck Stamps and Prints total over \$4,250,000 to-date, all to acquire wetlands for waterfowl habitat and public use. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee has committed to the purchase of over 13,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. The committee has also been and will continue to be involved with the enhancement of thousands of additional acres for the benefit of wildlife.

Limited edition, signed and numbered prints of the 25th Anniversary Edition of the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp may be purchased directly from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. You may visit us on the website at www.njfishandwildlife.com to see our other products.