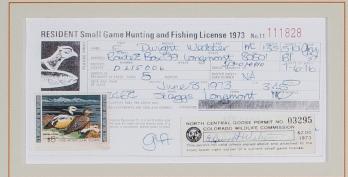
## Contemporary State Waterfowl Stamp Rarities

In the 1970s, many states began to include artwork on their waterfowl stamps to appeal to collectors and generate more revenue. The pictorial stamps proved to be very popular. Only a few stamps produced during this period eluded the attention of collectors and became true rarities. Such was the case of the Colorado North Central Goose stamp of 1973. Only two collectors knew about the non-pictorial stamp when it was issued. Therefore, only two unused examples were purchased before the stamps were destroyed.





1973 Colorado North Central Goose Stamp on an original license



1973 Colorado North Central Goose Stamp Two recorded unused examples Ex Vanderford collection

Stamps could also become rarities when only a handful of stamps were issued, as in the case of printing errors. This occurred infrequently on both non-pictorial and pictorial stamps. During the printing of the 1970 South Dakota non-resident waterfowl stamps, one booklet pane of five stamps temporarily adhered to the pane before it resulting in missing serial numbers.



Left: 1970 South Dakota non-resident waterfowl stamp

Right: 1970 South Dakota non-resident waterfowl stamp, with the serial number missing.

Five recorded examples



Left: 1981-82 Florida waterfowl stamp

Right: 1981-82 Florida waterfowl stamp with the red color missing Five recorded examples

A striking error occurred on the 1981-82 Florida waterfowl stamps, when one booklet pane of five stamps was printed with the red portion of the four-color process missing.



1983 North Dakota small game and habitat stamp, booklet pane of five Two recorded panes

A stamp could also become a rarity if a state agency printed its stamps in more than one format. In the 1980s, North Dakota became the first state to print two versions of its duck stamps - sheets of stamps for collectors and booklets of stamps for hunters. It took most collectors several years to discover this, and the early booklet-type stamps (those issued to hunters) are now very difficult to find in unused condition.

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