



Waterfowl Recreation Workshop

Saturday, August 25

9 am – 2 pm

From the tradition of annual duck hunts to sitting on back porches watching Canada geese migrations, Michiganders have a strong connection to waterfowl. Michigan is home to many recorded waterfowl species. Come learn about the diversity of these species in a workshop designed to bring together all recreational waterfowl enthusiasts, from birders to hunters. This workshop will include waterfowl identification and birding hotspots, duck calling and decoy set-up, duck decoy carving, and a waterfowl banding demonstration. Registration includes a waterfowl identification book, lunch, and presentations from the following experts in their fields:



Doug Klein (Barry County Bird Club) – Waterfowl Identification and Birding Hotspots

Doug has been birding for over 45 years and resides in Hastings, where he and his wife Anne formed the Barry County Bird Club in 2014. Doug is a former board member of Whitefish Point Bird Observatory and recently wrote an article called “Birds of Barry County, Michigan,” which was published in the journal *Michigan Birds and Natural History*. Doug, his wife, and daughter Maevie lead birding field trips year-round in Barry County.



Don Avers (Michigan DNR Bird Banding Coordinator) – Waterfowl Banding

Don has been with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division for over 25 years focusing on waterfowl and wetland management. He's been trapping and banding waterfowl his entire career and has been the Wildlife Division's Bird Banding Program Coordinator for the past 10 years.



Katie Klein (Michigan DNR Duck Banding Team) – Waterfowl Banding

Katie is a recent Michigan State University graduate in Zoology and has previously worked for MSU at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary before joining the Michigan DNR duck banding team in 2016. She has also worked trapping and banding ducks for Western Illinois University and for the Forbes Biological Station in Illinois.



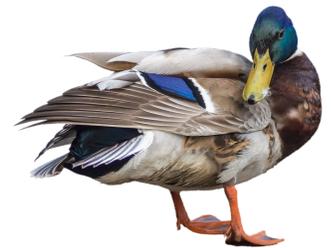
Willy McDonald (Master Carver and Owner/Operator of The Duck Blind) – Waterfowl Decoy Carving

Willy is sought after for decoy carving, painting, and air brush education as well as the owner of The Duck Blind, a decoy carving supply company in southwest Michigan. Willy was recognized in 2007 with the prestigious Michigan Heritage Award for his contributions in preserving and fostering the traditional art form of decoy carving. His ability as a teacher and master artisan was highlighted with participation in Michigan State University's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program with awards for mentoring two separate apprentices.



Shawn Stahl (Co-Host of RNT-V on the Sportsman Channel) – Decoy Setup and Calling

Shawn is a World Goose Calling Champion and Co-Host of RNT-V on the Sportsman Channel. With over 35 years of waterfowl hunting experience, Shawn has worked in the waterfowl industry for the past 15 years designing products from goose calls to blinds.



Members \$25 | Non-Members \$34

Additional family member \$15

(one book per family group)

Please register by August 21 to reserve your spot; registrations after this date are not guaranteed a book.

**To register call (269) 721-4190 or visit
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