

Spring Tales Newsletter



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The “Off” Season

The warm summer weather kicks off the opportunity for outdoor fun, but it is also a great time to prep for the upcoming duck season! You can use this time to complete a hunter education course, practice your shooting, or learn to call.

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California Waterfowl Association summer campers working in their hunter education course workbooks.



Using sport clays is a great way to become more comfortable with your gun and practice shooting a moving target!

Prep and Practice

Duck hunting requires a lot of practice. Summer is a great time to practice skills that will help you during season.

HUNTER EDUCATION

The summer is a great time to complete a California hunter education course. There is no minimum age to take a hunter education course. The traditional course involves 10 hours of classroom, field instruction, and homework.



SHOOTING

If you are new to the sport this is a great time to become familiar with the gun that you will be using; learning how to load and unload it, as well as shooting it. Once you are comfortable with your gun you can work on your technique. Plan a trip to a shooting range to shoot clays, this will help you learn to lead!

TRY IT!

CALLING

Calling is another skill that can be practiced over the summer. Here are two great calls to start with!

Hen Mallard Call

Using a double reed call:

- 1) Place your mouth on the call like you're sipping from a bottle, loosely wrap your hand around the bottom of the call.
- 2) While pushing air through the call say the word "hut" or "gut" opening your hand on the "t" sound (the "t" is the most important sound because it stops the air from blowing through the call like a kazoo).



double reed call



whistle



Drake Green-winged Teal Call

Using a whistle:

- 1) Completely wrap your lips around the top of the whistle.
- 2) While pushing air through the whistle make a short "peep" sound.

Waterfowl I.d.

No matter what time of year it is, being able to identify different kinds of ducks is a handy skill. Test your knowledge below by trying to match the picture with the correct duck name. Draw a line to connect the picture to the name.



REDHEAD



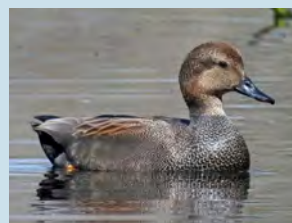
GADWALL



BLUE-WINGED TEAL



BUFFLEHEAD



WOOD DUCK



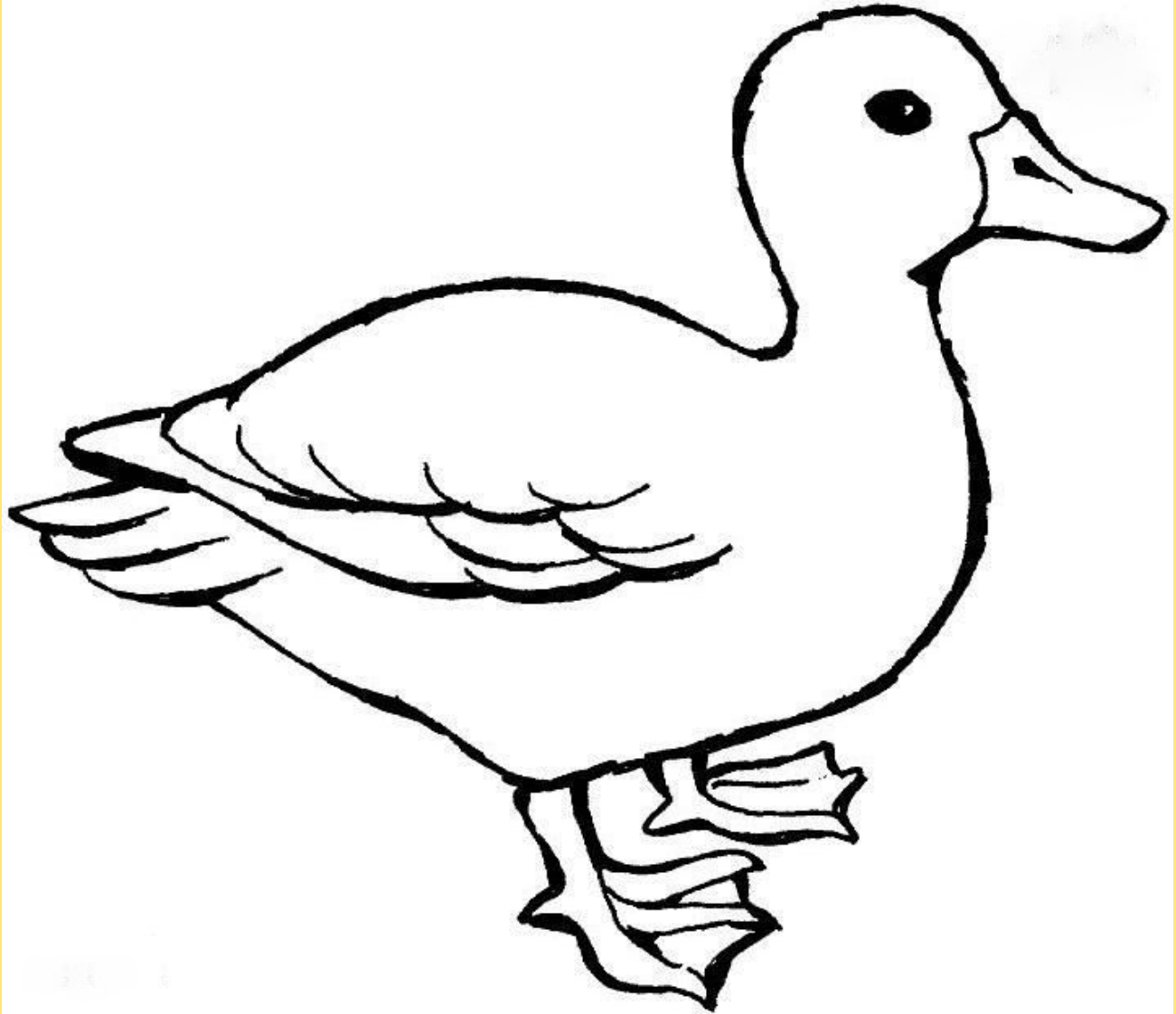
NORTHERN SHOVLER



MALLARD

Decorate a Duck

Do you have a favorite duck? Create it below by adding colors, markings, and special feathers to the duck outline below!



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