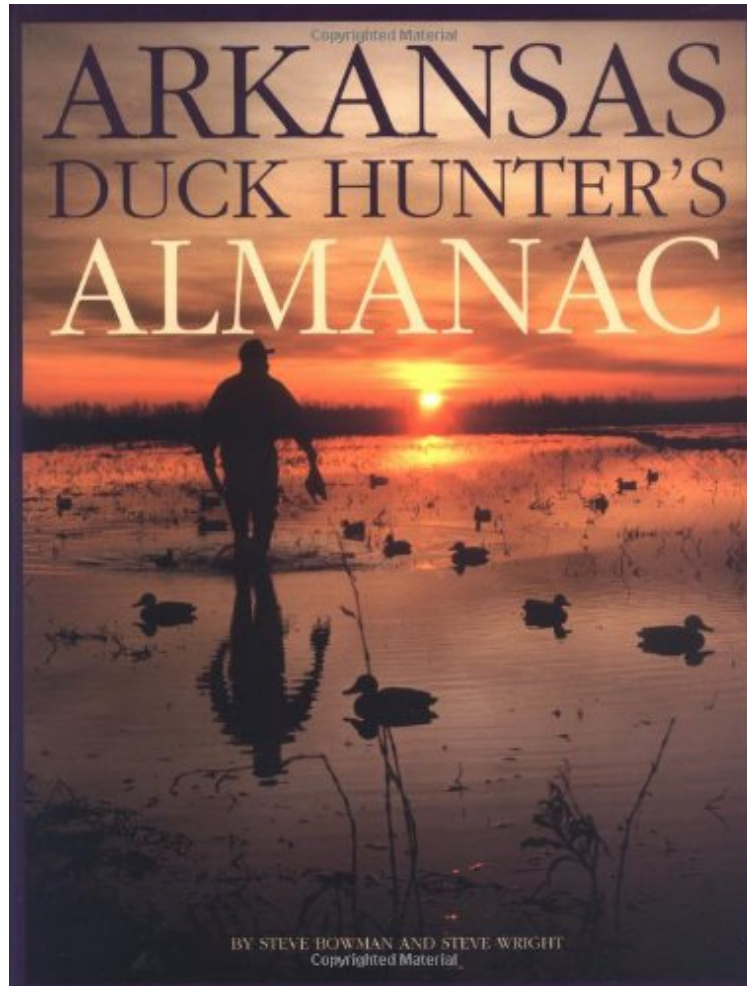


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**Steve Wright, Steve Bowman : Arkansas Duck Hunter's Almanac** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arkansas Duck Hunter's Almanac:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "If it ain't got a green head, it ain't a duck."By Charles G GainesThis ten chapter almanac represents an excellent collection of narrative and photographic information on the history and traditions of, "The Religion Known as Duck Hunting in Arkansas." The authors devote chapter one to a general discussion of the geological and agricultural factors that make the Arkansas portion of the Mississippi Alluvial Plain a, "Perfect Table for Ducks." The remaining nine chapters characterize the specific rivers and swamps that have been used by waterfowl hunters for hundreds of years dating back to 600-800 a.d. when the land was occupied by Paleo-Indians. Considerable print within in each chapter is dedicated to the foresighted individuals and political leaders who have been instrumental in preserving and developing the state's resources into what is truly a national treasure for sportsmen. Sprinkled throughout the entire volume can be found many very useful maps identifying where within

Arkansas a specific region resides. In addition, many useful tips by experienced hunters, such as "kicking water" while hunting in timber as well as what steel shot and chokes are appropriate for ducks are provided. The final section is a detailed Appendix containing duck season dates and limits from 1915 through 1999, maps of duck migration paths with a special map depicting the migration corridors of Mallards and lastly a wonderful photo display of wooden duck calls including those produced by the legenday James T. Beckhart and many others. Owing to the high quality of content and print presentation the hard copy of this book is well worth the expense.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you hunt ducks or enjoy the out of doorsBy Jack JonesIf you hunt ducks or enjoy the out of doors. This is the book for you. I have read over it twice and will keep going back to find things I missed.Living in AR and hunting ducks since 1962 I was attracted to this book. I let a hunting buddy borrow the book. He enjoyed the book so much I bought him one for Christmas. He has it on his coffee table at home. It is attractive and stands out among all the other books. I would recommend to anyone.jack0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this is a fantastic resource for all of the various hunting areas within ...By Mike HeindselmanIf you have made a trip to AR to hunt or are considering doing so then, this is a fantastic resource for all of the various hunting areas within the state. Great reading.

The Arkansas Duck Hunter's Almanac received rave reviews when it was first published in softcover in 1998. One complaint was the lack of a hardcover edition. For all those who are so passionate about the great Arkansas tradition of duck hunting, this edition presents that option. Although the hardcover book has 16 new pages of duck hunting photographs, it isn't a revision of the orginial printing. The only changes in the text are slight additions and deletions concerning clarity and accuracy. Unchanged is the ultimate goal of the book -- to record as much history as possible so more people can fully appreciate the significance of this Arkansas duck hunting heritage.

Arkansas Duck Hunters Almanac blurbs, reviews, etc. ...the definitive source about the people, traditions and history of duck hunting in Arkansas. NW Arkansas Times (Fayetteville) ... the ultimate book on Mid-South duck hunting. (Memphis) Commercial Appeal ...the importance of duck hunting in Arkansas is established early and late in this thoroughly excellent, must-have Almanac. Donrey Media (Pine Bluff, Springdale, Blytheville, Fort Smith) Book captures essence of Arkansas duck hunting.... a wide-ranging and entertaining book. Arkansas Outdoors, Arkansas Game Fish Commission Theres enough information in this book to keep any duck hunter entertained for weeks...In addition to hundreds of anecdotes, tips and profiles of hunters, the book gives detailed information on public waterfowling areas in Arkansas. My only regret is there isnt a comparable edition for Illinois duck hunting yet. Jeff Lampe, Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, 11/30/98 For waterfowlers, the latest must-have book is the Arkansas Duck Hunters Almanac, by Steve Bowman and Steve Wright. The authors have jammed 256 pages with cupped wings, green heads, orange feet, mind-boggling tales and the wonderment that makes gunning for ducks legendary in Arkansas....This is not a book to get for Christmas or a birthday. Its one to order now, to have and read and re-read throughout the year. Alan Clemons, The Huntsville (Ala.) Times, 11/15/98 February 18, 1998 New book captures essence of Arkansas duck hunting By Joe Mosby Arkansas Game Fish Commission LITTLE ROCK - Shrouded in mists of memory yet as up to date as yesterday's whistling of incoming mallard wings, Arkansas duck hunting is one of the state's major assets. Wintering waterfowl have used the state's abundant shallow flooded areas for centuries. When rice farming began early this century, one more inducement was given the birds to stop and spend the colder months here. Outdoor writers Steve Bowman of Little Rock and Steve Wright of Fayetteville have published a wide-ranging and entertaining book, Arkansas Duck Hunters Almanac, now on sale at bookstores and sporting goods outlets across the state. It is an almanac rather than a textbook, a history book or a how-to-hunt-ducks instruction manual. All these elements are included, though. Wright and Bowman have years of newspaper outdoor writing experience, and the book reflects their backgrounds with chapters, anecdotes, sidebars, charts and - most of all - plentiful photos from the past. The book covers duck hunting all over Arkansas but naturally devotes the most pages to the legendary corridor from Big Lake in northeast Arkansas through the Grand Prairie centering around Stuttgart. It's a book you'll not likely sit down and read from cover to cover, not all at once. You'll take it a bite at a time then go back and re-read passages. You may be inclined to put it with your reference books rather than your history books. Along with the text describing the fabulous days of duck hunting in early times in Arkansas, Wright and Bowman have let the participants do most of the talking. These are the people who were there, many of them no longer alive or living with memories in retirement. The legendary photos of ducks at Claypool Reservoir in Poinsett County are prominent in the book, along with the stories by and about such figures as Wallace Claypool, Frederick Gerstaeker, Edgar Queeny, Rex Hancock, Dave Donaldson and George Purvis. Wright and Bowman are both duck hunters as well as outdoor writers. They didn't sit in their offices and gather information on Arkansas waterfowling; they went to the field with waders, shotguns, cameras and recorders. They listened, they borrowed photos, and they assembled statistics and other data. (more) Arkansas Duck Hunters Almanac (cont.) Yet, the two authors quickly tell anyone that Arkansas Duck Hunters Almanac is only a beginning, just the first of several volumes needed to cover this diverse and fascinating topic.The authors promise more books to come. Included on the inside covers are every Arkansas duck stamp issued, from 1981 through 1997.

The seasons, bag limits and other details are in a chart. Several pages show an extensive collection of duck calls from past and present. Yet, the book's most valuable aspect is likely the photographs. The storied shot of the mass of mallards on Claypool is familiar to most anyone interested in the Arkansas outdoors, and it covers two pages at the front of the Almanac. There are photos from the late 1800s, the early 1900s, the 1950s and from the 1997 duck season.

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