



- Who:** Commissioners, staff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, and members of the public
- What:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program: California Waterfowl Hunting Clinic
- When:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024, approximately 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.\*\*\*
- Where:** Natural Resources Headquarters Building: Second Floor, Media Room 2-201, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Wild waterfowl have been hunted for meat, down, and feathers worldwide since prehistoric times. In California, waterfowl you can hunt includes ducks, geese, scaup, black brandt, coots and moorhens; the Mallard duck, in particular, is one of the most popular ducks in North America.

An amazing fact about waterfowl is that, with eyes located on either side of their head, they have a field of vision of almost 340 degrees, enabling them to see just about everything above, below, in front of, and behind them at the same time.



In the Sacramento region, ducks that winter in flooded rice fields eat the seeds of weeds, giving farmers a leg-up the following growing season. Ducklings, too, can make a dent in pest populations as they eat a lot of larvae that would otherwise become pesky, biting mosquitoes.

With so much more to learn, join commissioners, staff, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff for a fun and interactive “field trip” Wednesday afternoon! Presented by the Department’s Hunter Education Program and the California Waterfowl Association, the clinic is an introduction to waterfowl hunting in California. Designed to be an overview, the clinic will cover the importance and location of available habitat, current hunting regulations, and the gear needed to start you on your way to hunting for California waterfowl and/or to better understanding the activity. Participants will have an opportunity to engage with experts in waterfowl hunting in California. Bring your questions!

\*\*\*Timing depends upon when the Commission meeting ends, which is uncertain. If you are able, watch or listen to the meeting webcast or webinar in the afternoon for a sense of timing ([https://cal-span.org/meeting/cfg\\_20241009-20241010/live](https://cal-span.org/meeting/cfg_20241009-20241010/live)). If the Commission meeting has not ended by 2:15 p.m., the clinic will begin approximately 15 minutes after the meeting ends.