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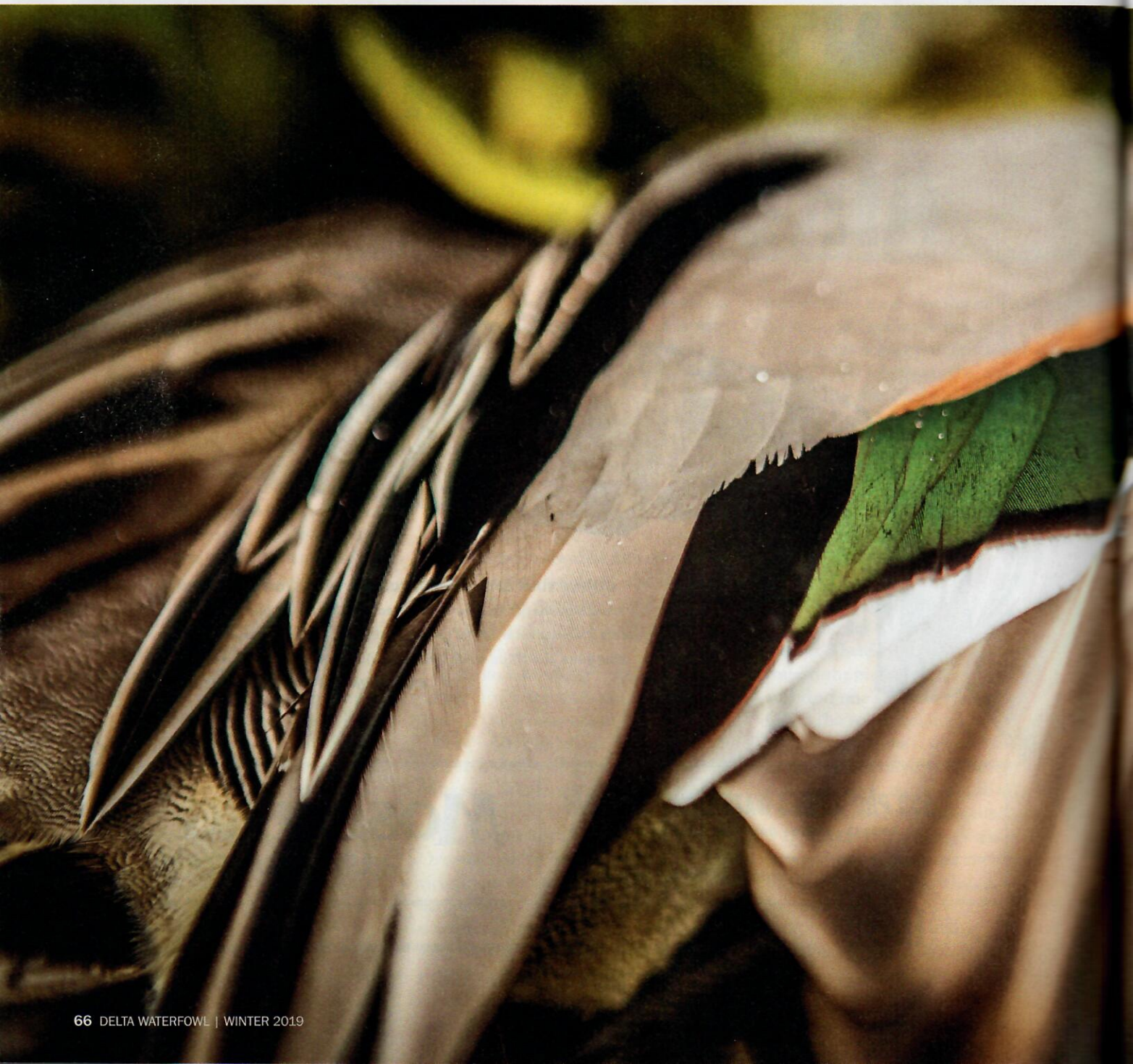
TALE OF TWO DUCK HUNTS

A new hunter finds success on public and private land

FORGOTTEN PARADISE

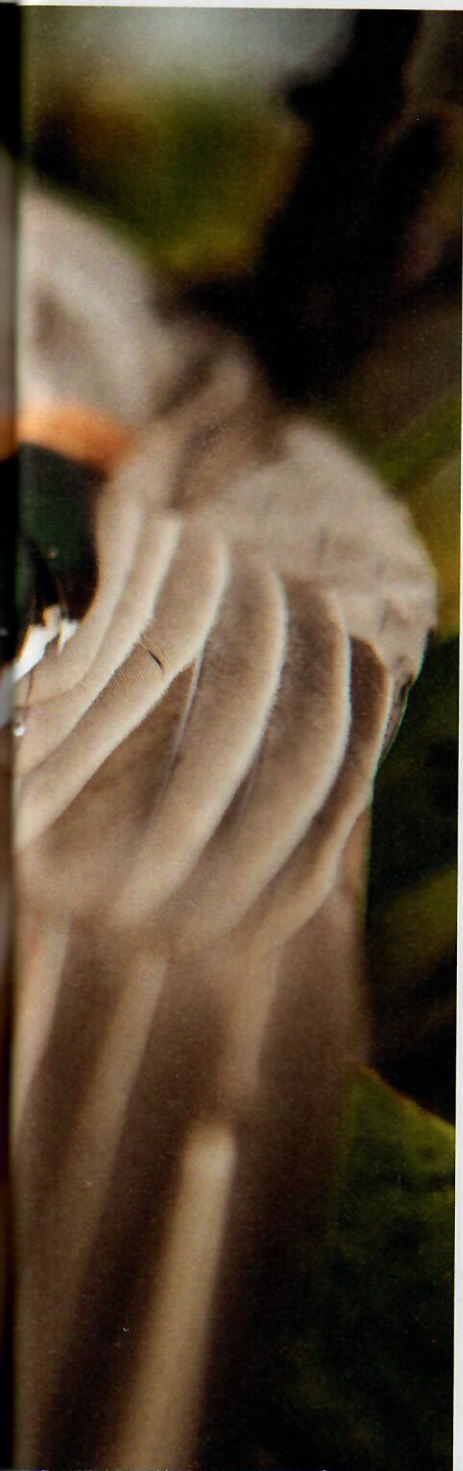
Mexico's Sea
of Cortez offers
unpressured ducks
in prime plumage

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If you dread packing away your gear after the seasons close in North America, consider heading south — way south, beyond the U.S. border. The birds keep going, and you should, too.

Though a sometimes forgotten waterfowling paradise, the eastern shore of Mexico's Sea of Cortez —

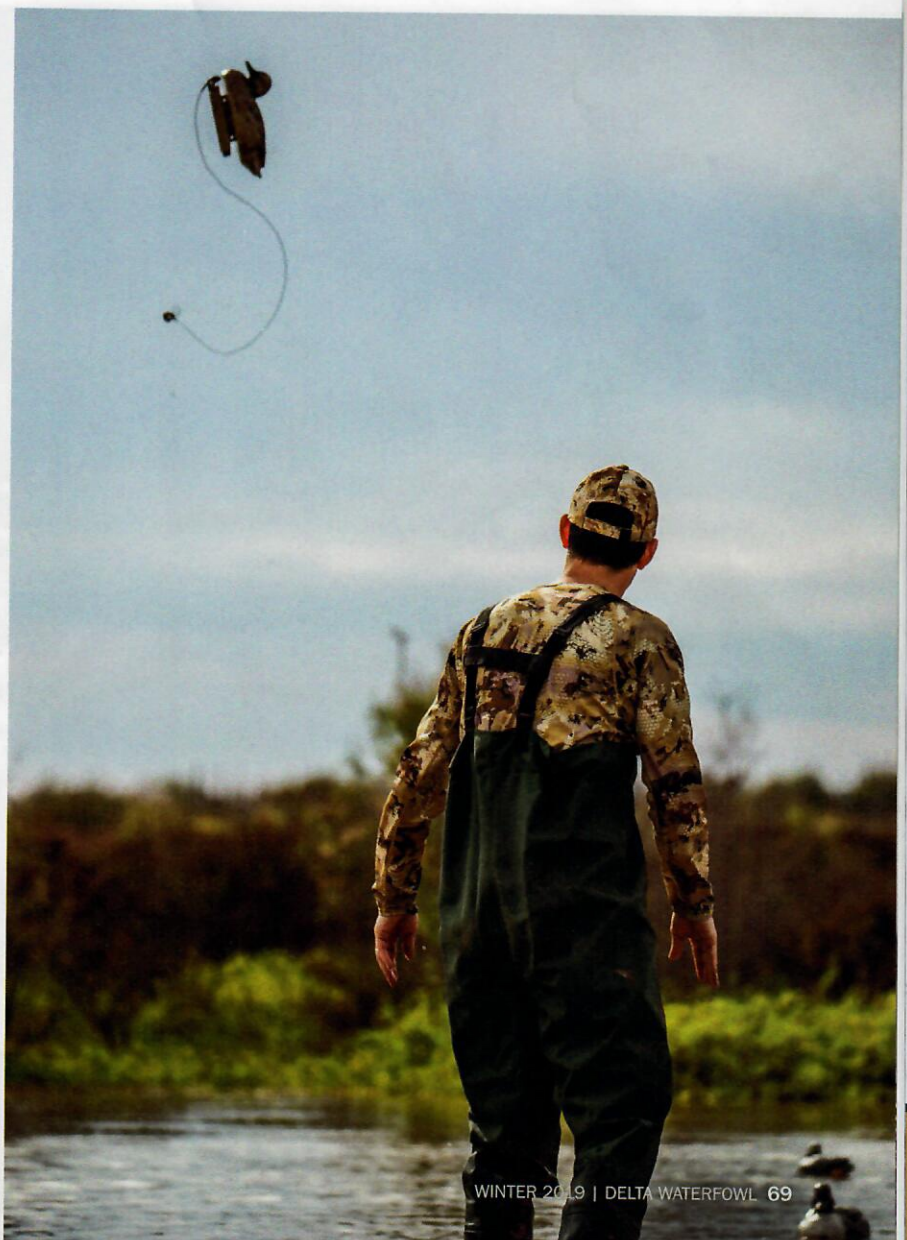


a 700-mile-long gulf formed by Baja California — offers hunting combinations found nowhere else on the planet. You'll hunt saltwater flats as well as freshwater ponds a stone's throw from the sea.

It doesn't seem like a place you'd find ducks, given the terrain of fishing villages punctuated by desert and prickly pear cactus. But they are there ... by the many thousands. Pintails. Wigeon. Teal of all flavors including cinnamons. Even brant in giant flocks feeding on eel grass on the roll of the tide.

It's a place where hunting occurs closer to the peak-breeding





plumages of North American ducks than any other. Every trip to the blind nearly guarantees a glimpse of perfect crescent-moon bluewing, emerald-striped greenwing, and copper-black cinnamon drakes all flying together in the same flock. And you'll cap off the day hunting black brant — the creaking honks of thousands of the ocean geese etching indelibly into your ears and brain.

It's a special place to end the waterfowl season. The birds keep going ... and you should, too. ▲

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