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African Yellow-Billed Ducks



#### **COMPANY PROFILE**

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Each destination is individually visited and meticulously researched to ensure you are hunting the best locations at the most ideal times. GetDucks. com works with many professional guides, hunters, and quality service providers in the prime destinations of Argentina, Mexico and much more. This range of locations allows GetDucks.com to deliver for your enjoyment the widest possible diversity of trophy birds species for fulfilling game bird of the world collections. GetDucks.com offers the perfect variety of mixed-bag wingshooting opportunities available, plus a range of amenities and conveniences that will not only satisfy but will exceed your expectations. GetDucks.com utilizes a network of field experts to include USDA-approved taxidermists and full-time travel agents.

GetDucks.com maintains professional diligence, personal integrity, and superior industry expertise that are the hallmarks of its success. On these principles lay the foundation for hunting experiences that will produce deep satisfaction and enriched travel experiences. GetDucks.com leads the flock in providing personalized planning, delivering superior service, maintaining customer satisfaction, and providing attention to detail.



#### ABOUT US Ramsey and Anita Russell, Owners

Ramsey Russell's creed is "Life's short get ducks." A certified wildlife biologist by training, he's also a lifelong wingshooter. After nearly two decades of delivering outstanding services to the global hunting community through GetDucks.com, Ramsey is recognized as the foremost authority in worldwide duck hunting destinations. Ramsey resides in Brandon, Mississippi. His work and dedication have taken him to the world's best waterfowl hunting areas. Although a worldwide hunter and guide, his favorite times are spent at home in Mississippi hunting with his family, close friends, and favorite retrievers.

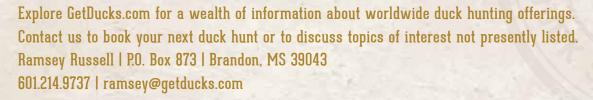
Ramsey and Anita have been married for 27 years. Together they form the perfect partnership in life and work. Ramsey's training and experiences are essential to building the best collection of quality duck hunting experiences in the world; Anita's attention to detail, planning, and communication are integral to success. GetDucks.com is a homegrown, family-operated, indie business - experienced enough to take care of you expertly, small enough to always treat you personally. Recognizing the personal nature of hunting trips, Ramsey and Anita make themselves available to assist before, during, and after hunt travel.

"Words do not give justice to the quality of people you deal with at GetDucks.com. Best I have ever booked through, and I have used a few in my 64 years on this planet. Most others are much more involved in selling than in delivery of the package. Anita and Ramsey deliver the goods as if you were family."



About GetDucks.com

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# IT'S ALWAYS DUCK







Azerbaijan Hunt

Russia Capercaillie Hunt











GetDucks.com Testimonials

"Fondest memory: 25 ducks with 30 shells. "In your face" action. Ramsey Russell's GetDucks.com was very easy to do business with and had great communication."

K. Ulrich

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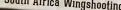
Mexico White-winged Dove Hunting



Mexico Duck Hunt Combos







Australia Hunt

Argentina Duck Hunt

Experience Real Argentina. Authentic experiences, hot barrels, heaviest straps, excellent value. Proven packages for ducks, more ducks, or combo hunts. Real hunts for real hunters. As genuine American duck hunters, we know.

Argentina Duck Hunting – Options for high-quality duck hunting throughout Argentina include special package rates and customized packages available only through GetDucks.com. For serious wingshooters, vacationing families, hunters checking off species, whether first-timers or every-timers – GetDucks.com has your Argentina duck hunting covered. Duck species include: Rosy-billed Pochard, White-faced Whistling Duck, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Brazilian Duck, South American Knob-billed Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, White-cheeked Pintail, Speckled Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Ringed Teal, Silver Teal, Red Shoveler, Chiloe Wigeon, and more. Mid-April through August.

**Rio Salado Duck Hunt** - Massive, remotely located wetland offers high-volume shooting for highest diversity of duck species. Guests hunt solo, alone with their guide, in the wildest and most pristine shooting environment in Argentina. Wild birds in a truly wild place, harkens the golden age of American wildfowling, well worth the distance.

La Paz Wingshooting Combo - Enjoy a full-on combo for ducks, doves, decoying pigeons, perdiz and optional dorado fishing. Vast property holdings, world-class shooting. This long-time client favorite offers the perfect sampling of Argentina from a single great location, fun family atmosphere with nearby non-hunting activities, too. Highly interpersonal guest services, some of the very best meals in Argentina. We never stack guests to the rafters. Enjoy the week exclusively among yourselves with as few as 4 hunting guests.

"Your expectations as you head out each morning are often surpassed by the days results. When your hunt ends and limits fulfilled you always come away amazed at the number of birds you witnessed that day. You return to your cabana exhausted and fulfilled ready for a hot shower. It's then followed by a fine meal and local Malbec, a fine cigar, and buddy time."

B. Hanson

"Epic Argentina duck hunting...ducks like the sky was falling. Yes got to do perdiz and pigeons and then hunted fox, killed 9 in 2-3 hours. The extra days with Diego were far and away the wildest shoots ever."

S. Knowles, Editor, Wildfowl Magazine

Las Flores Duck Hunt - Fast-paced duck shooting convenient to Buenos Aires. Nobody but nobody delivers in-your-face rosy-bill shooting like this operator. Regardless of weather and water, liberal limits are the rule, never the exception. A true hunter himself, he has delivered liberal limits daily for decades. Hunts are conducted withing 25 minutes of lodge, in blinds accessible to hunters of all ages.

**Los Ceibos Combo** - Enjoy daily combinations of excellent hunting for ducks, doves or perdiz just a few hours easy drive time from EZE. And leave the waders at home if you prefer, not needed to bag generous duck limits here. Very easy hunting conditions, non-hunting guests activities nearby.

"Duck hunting combo in Argentina at GetDucks.com's La Paz Lodge was incredible!! Duck hunting was a blast! On the last day of dove hunting we broke the lodge ALL TIME RECORD for the most doves killed in a single afternoon (4,553) UNBELIEVABLE!! All staff are world class!!"

W. K. & Friends



South-of-the-border fun for ducks, brant, white-winged doves or ever-popular combination hunts. No overnight flights. World-class shooting. Trophy species. Unrivaled hospitality. The good ol' days are NOW!

#### Obregon Mexico Duck Hunt Combo combines the best of trophy Mexico

wingshooting. All-inclusive hunting packages include ducks, black brant, white-winged dove, quail, and trophy bass fishing. Guests are lodged in exclusive 9-bedroom lodge with open bar and superior guest services. Excellent meals of delicious beef, fresh seafood, wild game, and Mexican specialties are served by attentive waitstaff. This top-seller books out early each year! January through February is primetime. Duck-dove combos November-December. White-winged doves September-October.

**Baja Pacific Black Brant Hunt** is popular among avid waterfowl collectors or hunters looking to expand their wingshooting horizons. Pacific Black Brant migrate from the Gulf of Alaska and western Russia to Baja Mexico's San Quintin Bay each year, where an estimated 40% of the entire world population overwinters. Locally-available seafood consists of shrimp, clams, oysters, and crabs. Inclusive package. Limited weekends January – February.

**Mazatlan Mexico Duck Hunting** is a South-of-the-border duck hunting experience that surpasses all others. With over 30 years of duck hunting experience in the southern half of Sinaloa Mexico's west coast, the staff is professional, knowledgeable, and endeavors to provide you with the best duck hunting vacation imaginable in an area that also provides perfect winter beach vacation for spouses or the entire family. It's called a "honeymoon duck hunt" for very good reason. Morning hunts, return to resort by noon, plentiful activities or do nothing but simply relax. Mid-January through February.

"Mike and I had a great trip. The Pacific Black Brant hunting in Mexico was a blast. Thanks to you and Anita, everything went smoothly. I'm sure we'll be in touch about future hunting trips. Thanks again."

D. Enochs

*"Beautiful scenery and excellent quality of shotguns. Ramsey, you went out of your way to ensure we had a great time while duck hunting in Mexico."* 

M. Perkins

**Mexico White-Winged Dove Hunt** proves once and for all that the good old days are NOW! Much closer than Argentina, most guests are drinking frosty cervezas by 3 PM, not boarding a plane for an overnight flight. Shooting volume amounts to 15-20 boxes per hunt, and shooters soon learn that mourning doves and eared doves are little white-winged dove wannabes. Perfect for groups of friends or family, corporate outings or entertaining important clients, this ALL-INCLUSIVE package offers tremendous value, includes everything but ammo and a few discretionary extras. September to early November.

**Sonora Lodge Mexico Duck & Dove Combo** is a NEW all-inclusive package developed by popular demand. Morning ducks, mid-day siesta, and afternoon doves. World-class shooting, convenient drives. Well-appointed, 5-bedroom lodge reserved exclusively for groups of 4-7 hunters. Late-December to early-March.

"Mazatlan was the best duck hunt ever! Great staff, great accommodations, great duck hunting, excellent hotel and local restaurants recommendations! Shooting action was fast and close. We were able to observe many species of shorebirds, seabirds, songbirds and raptors as well. I could not ask for a better overall duck hunting package!"

D. Markway

"I rate Mazatlan Mexico duck hunt as excellent because the hunting and lodge are as advertised. My wife says that the lodging exceeded her expectations. The bird boys were great and put every effort into getting you a trophy specimen of a bird you are after. Ramsey Russell's knowledge of traveling to and from the area and what to do took a huge load off of my mind."

R. Nelson

"Excellent attention to detail. Great birds with excellent plumage, many species, and comparatively close to home. The bluebills canal hunt stood out. Great shoot with great friends. Obregon Mexico was unlike any other duck hunting experience. You guys at GetDucks.com under promise and over deliver."

L. Godfrey





## GETDUCKS WORLDWIDE

#### Azerbaijan Hunting

Located between the Caspian Sea and Caucus Mountains, massive wetlands in Azerbaijan provide excellent duck hunting in a small part of the world that few have experienced. Red-crested Pochard, Ferruginous Pochard, Common Pochard, Tufted Duck, Garganey, and Common Shelduck are among the unique species opportunities. Eurasian Wigeon and Common Teal are found in very good number. Guests are lodged in comfortable homes convenient to large hunting area. Local cuisine is excellent. Hunting is one guest per blind until about noon each day. Skillful guides use traditional hunting methods, decoys, mojos and e-callers to lure birds near expertly built blinds. Five-day package and day tours of beautiful Baku on travel days. February through early-March.

"Ramsey and Anita were very informative and helpful throughout all stages of the trip. It seemed more of a working friendship, great help with everything including getting the birds back to the U.S., and a reservation mishap was easily resolved within 5 minutes thanks to their being on-call. Good food, great new friends, and lots of ducks."

D. Myszka

#### Alaska King Eider Hunting

Alaska King Eider hunting in the most practical place in the world to bag King Eiders. King Eider tops the life-list of most duck hunters and collectors. The pinnacle of North American duck hunting experiences, a King Eider hunt is never easy, but our guide staff has the experience, equipment, and the right locations for you get true trophies of a lifetime. Trophy species include King Eider, Long-tailed Duck, Harlequin, and possibly more. Hunts are limited to only 30 guests annually. Late-December to late- January. BOOKS OUT 1-2 YEARS IN ADVANCE!





#### Peru Duck Hunting

Peru is a hidden treasure in international wingshooting due to unique species, low hunting pressure, diverse habitats, and spectacular scenery. Duck hunting in Peru's pacific-coastal estuaries entails duck hunting for the greatest density of Cinnamon Teal in the world plus White-cheeked Pintail. High-altitude wetlands among the Andes Mountains include: Andean Goose, Puna Teal, Crested Ducks, Sharp-winged Duck, and more. May through September.

#### New Zealand Waterfowl Hunting

New Zealand waterfowl hunting is an excellent stand-alone trip to extend your winsghooting horizons, and may be combined with big game hunting and fishing for a completely customized experience. The natural habitat for New Zealand's upland game birds and waterfowl is spectacular. Indigenous species and unique wingshooting opportunities top many hunter's lists. Trophy species include: Paradise Shelduck, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Shoveler, rail-like Puekeko, Mallard, Canada Goose, and Black Swan. Upland offers wingshooting opportunities for: California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, and pigeon. New Zealand big game hunting is unrivaled in the abundance of world-class trophies and the diversity of big-game species. May through July.

#### South Africa Duck and Bird Hunting

South Africa duck hunting provides an excellent wingshooting experience as a stand-alone trip or as a complement to your Africa plains game hunt. Africa bird hunting includes a diversity of waterfowl and upland species, offers avid wingshooting travelers an authentic taste of Africa and a refreshingly challenging shotgun adventure. Trophy species include: Egyptian Goose, Spur-winged Goose, African Yellow-billed Duck, African Shelduck, Red-billed Teal, Hottentot Teal, Cape Shoveler, White-faced Whistling Duck; African Pygmy Goose, African Black Duck, White-backed Duck, Helmeted Guineafowl, Swainson's Francolin, Orange River Francolin, Redeye Dove, Laughing Dove, Cape Turtle Dove, and Rock Pigeon. June-July. Depending on preferences and duration, hunts take place among Mpumalanga, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal provinces. June-August.

#### Russia Bird Hunting

Russia bird hunting is a trophy hunting adventure with waterfowl and upland species not commonly available in the US. Takes places late-Spring north of St. Petersburg near the Arctic Circle and adjacent to the White Sea, the backdrop of this hunt is one of the most remote and unspoiled boreal forest habitat in the world. Trophy species feature Capercaille and Black Grouse, may also include Tufted Duck, Eurasian Teal, Eurasian Wigeon, Smew, Goldeneye, Common Eider, Goosander, Snow Grouse, Hazel Grouse, and more. Mid-April to Mid-May.







#### Netherlands Goose Hunting

Netherlands goose hunting is available only through GetDucks. com. An immersive experience that's very popular among both hunters and non-hunting guests, that tour while hunters are afield. Nowhere on earth more practical to collect barnacle geese. Species include Greylag Goose, Barnacle Goose, White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Egyptian Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard, Wood Pigeon. One to 3 hunters only. March, August and October.

#### Sweden Goose Hunting

Sweden goose hunting is available only through GetDucks.com and represents some of the highest-volume goose hunting on earth. Species include Barnacle Goose, Canada Goose, and Greylag. The afternoon mallard shoots are spectacular. Pheasant tower shoots can be arranged with additional days. Non-hunting activities available for spouses. This 3-day package is all-inclusive from Copenhagen, Denmark.

#### Australia Duck Hunting

Australian duck hunting is perfect for 1-3 hunting guests and available exclusively through GetDucks.com. Hunts take place primarily in Victoria, but also in South Australia, New South Wales, and Northern Territory provinces. Common species include: Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Maned Duck, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Australian Shoveler, Mountain Shelduck, and more.

#### Córdoba Argentina Dove Hunting

Córdoba Argentina is widely recognized as a location for the greatest remaining volume shotgunning on earth. An estimated population of 40 million eared doves continues to build and to expand despite 2 decades of unlimited dove hunting. For a standard 3-day package, GetDucks.com guests will enjoy superior wingshooting, unrivaled services, authentic lodging amenities, chef-prepared meals, and conveniences. Enjoy private group-use of lodges for as few as 4, to larger parties with as many as 16 hunters. Never mixed groups so relax among your own people. Year-round shooting.

*"Always has an unbelievable number of rosybills, more than anywhere else I've ever duck hunted in Argentina."* 

T. Denmon, MOJO Outdoors

"Mongolia duck hunting was an awesome nomadic hunting adventure on the vast Asian steppe. A wandering duck hunter's dream trip, we got the waterfowl species I was really after. This was my 4th duck hunting trip organized by Ramsey Russell's GetDucks.com (previously Alaska king eiders, Netherlands goose hunting, Pakistan duck hunting), and am already looking forward to the 5th. No telling where in the world we'll go next!"



J. Hattner

#### Mongolia Bird Hunting

The off-the-beaten-path trophy hunting adventure of Mongolia bird hunting begins in Ulaanbaatar. Limited to fewer than a dozen guests each year, guests stay in traditional ger accommodations and hunt daily for waterfowl endemic to Asia. Species include: Bar-headed Goose, Swan Goose, Ruddy Shelduck, Common Shelduck, Eurasian Wigeon, Greylag Goose, Garganey, Eurasian Green-winged Teal, Tufted Duck, and more.

#### Pakistan Duck Hunting

Pakistan duck hunting offers a unique glimpse at duck hunting in one of the most unlikely places on earth. Hunts are conducted on a private estate that has been specially prepared for excellent duck hunting. Hunters shoot solo or in pairs, and each guest is accompanied by a personal staff. Shooting volume is substantial. Species include common Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Northern Pintail, possibly Red-Crested Pochard. Duck hunts are typically 3 days. Additional days may be added for driven francolin or big game.

#### And More!

As an off-the-beaten-path adventure for ducks, doves and unique culture, we're excited to announce that our recent visit proved Guatemala to have huge potential! Ramsey Russell constantly scouts the world searching for the best duck hunting experiences. Visit GetDucks.com or contact Ramsey for updates.

"We had a warm welcome, a wonderful dinner and an amazing day of hunting under the sun and gentle winds. Unforgettable from my end! Thanks again and you can count on me for a warm recommendation to anyone who asks."

E. Bastoni









#### Alberta Waterfowl Hunting Black Dog Outfitters from \$3,700

With a quarter-century experience, hunting areas totaling nearly 15 million acres in the right parts of Alberta, and excellent new lodging this large dedicated staff delivers superior all-inclusive Alberta Canada waterfowl hunting experiences primarily for exclusive hunting groups. Contact: Kyler Harms 780.603.7950, blackdogoutfitterscanada@gmail.com.

#### Arkansas Duck Hunting Commander's Corner \$600

One of the Arkansas's most coveted properties — smack in the middle of a federal sanctuary, swarms with ducks each day. Duck camp atmosphere, excellent hospitality. Spacious dry blind easily accessed by ATV. Contact: Harrison Banks 318.547.1655, email harrisonobanks@gmail.com, www.ccduckhunts.com

#### Arkansas Spring Snow Goose Hunting Dirty Bird Outfitters \$200 or less daily

Great spring snow goose hunting in the Arkansas Grand Prairie. Young, hard-working guides do the heavy lifting; guests simply show up and enjoy. Group and seasonal price incentives: an affordable opportunity for groups of family and friends. Contact: Matthew Piehl 701.290.6582,

matt@dirtybirdoutfitters.com, www.dirtybirdoutfitters.com.

#### Chesapeake Bay Maryland Duck Hunting Black Duck Outfitters \$200-250 daily

Takes place in the legendary Chesapeake Bay region and can be customized for sea ducks, divers, puddle ducks, snow geese and brant. Few places conjure nostalgia for the good-old-days of American duck hunting like Chesapeake Bay. Contact: Todd Sauerwald 410.336.7078, info@blackduckoutfitters.com, www.blackduckoutfitters.com.

#### Delaware Sea Duck Hunting

Fowl Intensity Outfitters \$225 daily

Specializes in the scoters and long-tailed ducks that have long overwintered in this historic waterfowl region. Atlantic Brant, American black ducks, Canada geese and mallards for which Delmarva's Eastern Shore is famous. Contact: Brian Rogers 302.745.7269, fowlintensityoutfitters@yahoo.com.

#### Kansas Duck Hunting Carter's Big Island \$500

This Kansas duck hunting program is all about mallards and more mallards, mostly over water. Expertly managed habitats, private





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#### Kansas Duck and Goose Hunting

#### Big Kansas Outdoors \$350+ daily, package options available

Located smack in the middle of the Central Flyway, this young, energetic and experienced team has proven they've got what it takes to produce limits of ducks and geese in short order. Mostly dry-field hunts from comfortable A-frame blinds makes for enjoyable experience. Contact: Ben Webster 620.200.4372, bpweb25@ gmail.com, www.bigkansasoutdoors.com.

#### Louisiana Duck Hunting– Coastal Marsh SWC Sportsmans Lodge Venice Louisiana. \$500 daily.

Located one hour south of New Orleans. Top-shelf amenities, excellent meals featuring world-class creole, perfect southern hospitality — and only 3 short steps from the blind! Coastal duck species hunting on 10,000 acres private property, packages may be upgraded to include inshore and offshore fishing. Excellent blue—winged teal (September) and big ducks (November – January). Contact: Bart Haddad 601.466.0152, southerncharters@aol.com.

#### Manitoba Canada Waterfowl Hunting Birdtail Waterfowl \$2500

All-inclusive Canada waterfowl package exceeds all expectations with first-class everything, absolute attention to detail. Chef-prepared meals, private lodging. Simms waders and Beretta shotguns for convenient travel. Puddle ducks, Canada geese, snow geese, and sandhill cranes. Special diver hunting over hand-carved rigs. Contact: Paul Conchâtre, 204.294.2694, birdtailwaterfowl@gmail.com.

#### Mississippi Duck Hunting

#### Tallahatchie Hunts \$1,500 3-day package, \$700 Duck & Quail Combo Day Hunts \$500-350

Hospitality, private lodging, and enviably consistent duck hunting on the best duck hunting properties in Mississippi. Flooded timber and agriculture. After morning hunt, all guests enjoy world-class, southern breakfasts. Contact: Mike "Catfish" Flautt 662.375.2116, catfish@tallahatchiehunts.com, www.tallahatchiehunts.com.

#### Missouri Duck and Goose Hunting

#### Pure Hen Duck Calls Southern Duck Lodge \$1,200.

Three-day package in bootheel region. Waterfowl trade among Big Lake Refuge, Arkansas, Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee, and the Mississippi River, feeding in abundant regional agriculture. Flooded agriculture and wooded potholes. Mallards, gadwalls, pintails, green-winged teal, shovelers and speckle-bellies predominate the bag. Includes lodging, home-cooked meals and professional guide services. Contact: Parker Watkins at (573) 724-2476, email purehenduckcalls@outlook.com.



#### New England Sea Duck Hunting RPM Outdoors \$1,950

RPM Outdoors caters to individuals and small groups of waterfowl hunters for the extremely diverse array of waterfowl species available in northern New England. Their emphasis is targeting trophy specimens of sea ducks, divers, ducks and geese in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Contact: Reilly McCue 802.233.6621, rpmoutdoors@hotmail.com, www.rpmoutdoors. com. northtexasoutfitters.com, northtexasoutfitters@gmail.com

#### North Dakota Waterfowl Hunting Dirty Bird Outfitters \$400-\$650

The best North Dakota waterfowl hunting experiences. Ducks, Canada geese, snow geese, and tundra swans (with drawn permits) are their specialty. New lodging, excellent meals, fantastic guides and scouts. Contact: Matthew Piehl, 701.290.6582, matt@dirtybirdoutfitters.com, www.dirtybirdoutfitters.com

#### North Dakota Pheasant-Waterfowl Combo Hunt Ringneck Resort \$1795-2750

Inclusive North Dakota pheasant hunting package offers options for pheasants only or a true combo to include morning waterfowl and afternoon pheasants. Excellent outfitter and staff. Contact: Shaine Swenson, 701.680.9534, shaine@ringneckresort.com

#### Oklahoma Duck Hunting Salt Plains Outfitters \$450

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#### Ontario Canada Goose Hunting Apex Waterfowling \$1,700

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#### Saskatchewan Canada Waterfowl Hunting Northern Skies Outfitters S2,362 - S4,095 [3-day to 6-day packages]

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Contact: Mat Schauer 952.212.4828, mat@northernskiesoutfitters.com, www.northernskiesoutfitters.com.





#### Saskatchewan Waterfowl Hunting Prairie Limits Outfitters \$2,800 - \$3,450

Western Saskatchewan waterfowl hunting for Canada geese, snow geese, specklebellies, ducks. Experienced staff and scouts. Two fully guided package options for maximum flexibility. Contact: Brian Cramer, 248.521.1637, info@prairielimitsoutfitters.com

#### Texas Duck Hunting - North North Texas Outfitters \$200 - \$250

Superior guided duck hunts only 1 hour from Dallas. Extremely professional guides attend to all details regarding your hunting enjoyment and success. Relax, enjoy the morning, and let them do what they do best—land ducks and geese on the end of your gun barrel! Contact: Dakota Stowers 903.815.9842, email northtexasoutfitters@gmail.com, northtexasoutfitters.com.

#### Texas Blue-Winged Teal Hunt Rocky Creek Retrievers \$400

Very best September blue-winged teal hunting in the world plus first-class lodging and meals, guests travel from all over USA to enjoy this excellent experience. As featured on MOJO TV and Wildfowl Magazine. Contact: Steve Biggers 281.610.8226, email sbrcr01@aol.com.

#### Texas Coastal Redhead Hunt & More

#### Run-N-Gun Adventures \$1,425-\$1,875 packages, \$175-300 daily

Trophy redheads — greatest percentage of the entire world's population overwinters on nearby Laguna Madre and surrounding areas — and pintail. New 11,000 square-foot lodge is magnificent. Long-time outfitter delivers excellent duck and goose hunting, camp atmosphere only 80 miles from Houston. Contact: Daniel Kubecka 979.240.5312, Run-n-gunadventures@ hotmail.com, www.run-n-gunadventures.com

#### Texas Goose Hunting and More - Panhandle

#### Sea to Sky Outfitters \$250 per morning, upgrades available

Best-kept secret among die-hard goose hunters familiar with the region's plentiful overwintering waterfowl and relatively low hunting pressure. Expansive agricultural landscape of hot crops punctuated with countless shallow playa lakes is a hunting mecca for geese, ducks and cranes. Contact: Orin Lonadier 318.510.0521, email olonadier@gmail.com, www.seatoskyoutfitters.com, www.run-n-gunadventures.com

#### Wyoming Duck and Goose Hunting WyoBraska Waterfowl \$1200 day up to 4 hunters

Enjoy spectacular decoying mallards and Canada geese, and hard-charging retrievers in pure wild beauty. Fertile agricultural lands and myriad freezeproof wetlands amid the legendary North Platte River Valley over-winter enviable numbers of mallards and BIG Canada geese, but putting birds on the ends of gun barrels is only part of the equation. The hunt day is yours. Hunt for the entire day or until legal limits are achieved, assured that your comfort is top priority. Contact: Michael Kahler 307.575.9206, email reservations@wyobraskawaterfowl.com, www.wyobraskawaterfowl.com.





# THE BOYS OF RIO SALADO

THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF WATERFOWLING STILL EXIST



**AGE, EXPERIENCE,** or maybe just eccentricity, for as long as I've known the Mayor and Ira, it's never been about body count nor has it ever been about ego. These boys are slow-smoked, Southern-fried, old-guard timber, so it's all devils and details. Process. Playing a game of precision inside an already endless game of waterfowling possibilities. Make no mistake, these two would sooner not squeeze unless everything's come together just right in their mind's eye. But when it's perfect, they'd have a tough time not pulling up on the last duck in existence.

As with any book jacket around long enough to collect the dust of time, evenings in duck camp nowadays are less about that day's hunt and more about bourbon-soaked memories of places long past. The conversations always look backward, theirs to the southern theatre of old Missouri and mine on Minnesota's northern big water and the Saskatchewan prairie. No one questions that things have changed, and though we may not all agree on exactly why, no waterfowler who's paying attention can deny North America's bird migrations just aren't the same. What we wouldn't give for Doc Brown's DeLorean and a one-way ticket!

> Wherever you go, the bond between hunters transcends cultural differences and overcomes language barriers.









**FAST-FORWARD** a few months. The three of us are 6,000 miles and change from home and halfway into a questionably controlled, 10-mph sideways slide though a slurry of greasy South American mud that a few months back had been a perfectly serviceable gravel road. It's the kind of frozen-in-time moment where a guy's having very holy thoughts and the voice in his head repeats a somber prayer: "If I'm gonna go today, please kill me on the return trip, Big Guy. We've all been waiting to see a place like this since forever."

That place is Rio Salado, and the guy who clued me in on it is none other than Ramsey Russell, the Dos Equis man of waterfowling. We'd met in the Mayor's camp a few months back. I was on assignment, and as is common with old souls, there was an electric kinship. The man just gets it. During one of our post-hunt reminiscing sessions, Ramsey just flat-out blew our doors off. "You boys really want to see what duck hunting looked like 100 years ago? It's out there. It's a long ways away, and I'll show you in July. Buenos Aires." Clearly, Ramsey was living up to his well-deserved reputation for sussing out massively unknown waterfowl locales.

Now, it's easy to know what a few of you are thinking. Argentina? Baiting birds to keep them around? Thanks, but no thanks. At Rio Salado it's the complete opposite, and except for a guide, the experience was more akin to a DIY hunt out of your past. Just as Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula gives us a picture of what Alaskan fishing looked like a century ago, Rio Salado is a duck hunt on the Louisiana coast in the 1800s or the Susquehanna Flats at the turn of the last century. Stark. Desolate. Still steeped in what used to be.

Resources are few in Rio Salado, so hunters craft what they need from what they have on hand—like this handmade duck call from an empty shotgun shell.



**PICTURE** a 74,000-acre sprawling wetland no more than a foot or two deep surrounded by all the right agriculture—wheat, corn, soybeans, and sorghum. For perspective, that's double the size of the Minneapolis city limits. Here, you see 14 species of birds go about their days as if the shotgun had never been invented. That's a very different Argentina and Uruguay than the ones I'd previously seen, with an equally different Mayor and Ira than I'd ever known. In that week, alongside our buds Fonzie and Dougie Fresh, we were all 25 years old again. Wide-eyed, full of stoke, back to the kids we used to know. It's that kind of special—*The Sandlot* special.



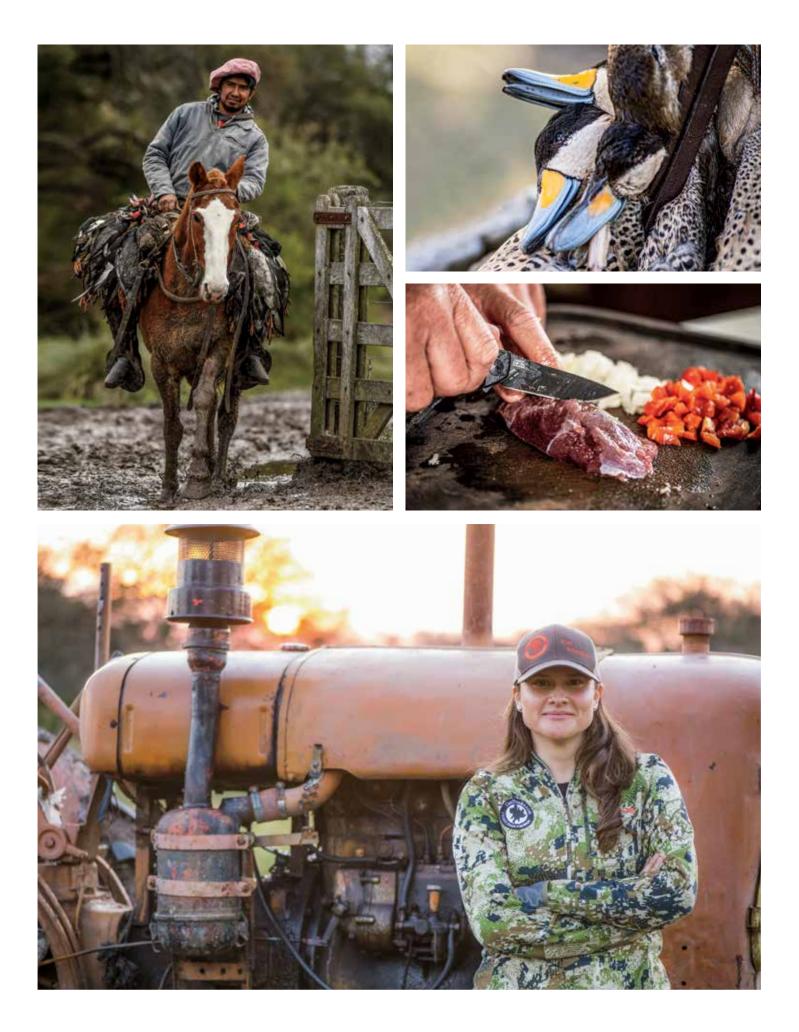


There are no easy rides delivering you to prebuilt blinds resting within easy shooting distance of a bait pile. You access the marsh on foot; good waders are a must. It wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility to see a horse towing a hand-laid glass skiff with you, your guide, and a day's worth of gear. Together, you formulate the plan. You chop sticks and leaves. You build your own hide and sit beside each other in shindeep water, and if the birds aren't buying it, you move until you're in them. Just like hunts used to be, as sweaty and roll-up-your-sleeves gritty as Argentina gets—a wild time in a wholly wild place where an airplane and a truck ride to camp really are some sort of time machines.









**THE RELATIONSHIP** between you and the staff is special, too. Some folks like to rub elbows with camp owners and guests—and there's certainly nothing wrong with that—but the crew I roll with has always felt more at home around the guides. And make no mistake, they're not Bird Boys here. They're brothers from a different mother.

I felt it the moment I met Checo, Rio Salado's veteran guide. He noticed me appreciating the way the light bent off flank feathers while holding my first yellow-bellied pintail. Within minutes, he's showing me phone pics of his family duck hunts and we're trading duck calls. There was a pride of place and admiration for birds in his enthusiasm. His images read more like family history. Living proof of what he and his dad, granddad, and siblings do when they're not working. Like us, they hunt ducks because they can't not hunt ducks. They hold the entire act as sacred, and dudes like this have a way of making your time at Rio Salado more like hanging out with long-lost relatives. Despite the language barrier, words become an unnecessary formality. They know a fellow hunter when they meet one, and their familiarity, skill, and understanding of the local waters make it more like they're welcoming you into their own home. In a very real sense, that's exactly what's happening.

For those of us who also feel like we were born a hundred years too late, Rio Salado confirms we're not wrong. The numbers of birds stuffed into what equates to 115-square-miles will test the computational abilities of your brain. Here, among unspoiled wetlands and lush grasses, you truly have the chance to stop and picture the staggering bird densities North America once held. So many birds are in this place, and they're seemingly everywhere. Among them, the famed Rosy-Billed Pochard in stunning numbers, Black-Bellied Whistling-Duck and Fulvous Whistling-Duck, two species of pintail, four flavors of teal, Brazilian ducks, and more. All are relatively unpressured and playing nice the way you'd wish, call-responsive, a window back into what we once had.

A word of advice to those lucky enough to find themselves in a place this magical: Indulge your idealistic side. Sift through time's back catalog of your most memorable hunts and find the wide-eyed beauty and the picture of perfect that endeared you to waterfowling. Remember the way those birds worked when fully committed, locked up, and eating it. That's the special sauce and always will be, and it's why we come to places like Rio Salado: to see birds act like birds. My crew didn't come this far for pass shots. We came for the show. Feet down, wings cupped, up close and invading your personal space. That's what the old days back home were like, and unlike most South American hunts, Rio Salado is more than a shooting vacation. Here, it's hunting again.



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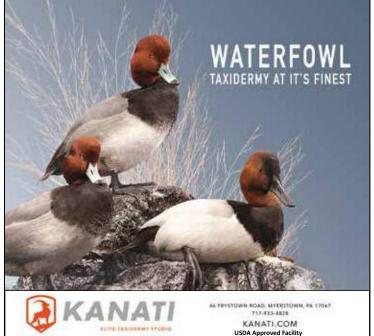
BOSS Shotshells are 100 percent American made and boast weights that are far heavier than steel shot and patterns that are far tighter at distance. Combine that heavyweight punch with the industry's "inest primers and premium powders, and BOSS prings hunters back to the hard-hitting, clean-kill days of lead with zero risk to the environment.

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## The RXPERIENCE COLLECTOR





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#### Life is Short, Get Ducks.

Ramsey Russell spent his 16th birthday unconscious at an ICU in Jackson, Mississippi. His dog—he loved that dog had scratched up the inside of his parent's garage. He touched it up with some oilbased paint, then cleaned the brushes with gasoline. The water heater kicked on. Sparks ignited fumes. The explosion brought in fire departments from across the county.

"Your son is going to die," the doctors told his parents. "If he lives, he'll lose both legs and one arm." The Russells talked to a funeral director.

A few days after he turned 16, Russell was flown to a burn center in Galveston, Texas. This is where he remembers waking up, wrapped from head to toe like a mummy. Painkillers inhibit skin growth, so he laid in that hospital bed completely still as they unwrapped him and scrubbed away the dead and dying skin. He went into his own special pain cave. A quiet place inside; the hill where he hunted doves with Grandpa. Then it occurred to him. He had missed dove season.

#### Russell didn't die. And he never missed another dove season.

After more than 70 surgerles, he beat the 92 to 8 odds that the doctors gave him. He earned a B.A. and Masters in Forestry at Mississippi State and worked for the federal government. But the second really big event in Russell's life happened in a goose blind in Alberta. It was his third year at the place. By word of mouth, he nearly filled the outfitter's season with Mississippi boys looking to shoot big honkers. The outfitter called Russell out to the barn one evening and asked him to be his exclusive booking agent. Russell asked him, "What's a booking agent?"

Soon he booked out Alberta two years in advance. He started a website: getducks.com. He added Argentina to his list. He joined Dallas Safari Club and breathed the rarified air of markhor

inters. Soon he was opening adventure duck hunts around the orld—for species most mallard hunters never heard of. Hunts in rerbaijan, Peru, Russia, Sweden, South Africa.

realized," he says, "that I'm living a second chance. I didn't rmulate this plan. It just happened. No half measures. That's een my approach in business and life."



No one else sells six continents of duck hunting. He travels 150 to 200 days a year. Homebase is Brandon, Mississippi. Hunting, Russell says, was something he did with his grandfather and, while laying in the burn unit, it's where his mind went. To the family, the friendships, the stories, the connection with the natural world, a world greater than oneself. The best duck hunts in the State of Mississippi, his grandfather used to tell him, happened at Dixie Bottom Farms. Many years after his accident, after his grandfather passed away, he bought some dirt to start a duck club with a few friends. When they got the old blue-lined map, it was marked B.B.B.—the initials of his grandfather's friend and the owner of Dixie Bottom. Russell and company call their club Willow Break. There's a 1,000-square-foot plywood room there that Russell calls home.

"If I'm not traveling, I'm here," he says. "We spend Christmas here, Thanksgiving, the important days, the best days, we spend them at camp. This is where my best friendships are, my oldest friendships." The walls are covered with six continents of photos and birds. Before big hunts there's a potluck. Club members bring a dish, share stories, catch up on family and on hunts. "I'm not a collector of species," Russell says, "I'm a collector of experience. This life is short, It can end in a flash." No one knows that better than him.







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Jim Crews

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#### DABBLING & WHISTLING DUCKS

American Black Duck American Wigeon **Blue-winged Teal Cinnamon Teal** Gadwall Green-winged Teal Mallard Mexican Duck Mottled Duck [2 subs] Florida Mottled Duck Gulf Coastal Mottled Duck Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler Wood Duck Whistling Duck, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Fulvous

#### **DIVER DUCKS & MERGANSERS**

Canvasback Redhead Lesser Scaup Greater Scaup Ring-necked Duck Common Goldeneye Barrow's Goldeneye Bufflehead Ruddy Duck Hooded Merganser Common Merganser Red-breasted Merganser

#### SEA DUCKS

King Eider Common Eider [4 subs] Atlantic Common Eider Pacific Common Eider Northern Common Eider Hudson Bay Common Eider Spectacled Eider (Protected) Stellar's Eider (Protected) Harlequin Duck Long-tailed Duck Black Scoter Surf Scoter White-winged Scoter

#### GEESE & SWANS

Greater White-fronted Goose Tule Goose Snow Goose and/or Blue Goose Lesser Snow Goose Greater Snow Goose Ross's Goose Canada Goose [7 subs] Atlantic Canada Goose Interior Canada Goose Giant Canada Goose Lesser Canada Goose Western Canada Goose Dusky Canada Goose Vancouver Canada Goose Cackling Goose [4 sub-species] Cackling Canada Goose Aleutian Canada Goose Taverner's Canada Goose Richardson's Canada Goose **Emperor Goose** Brant Goose [2 subs] Atlantic Brant Pacific Black Brant Tundra Swan **Trumpeter Swan** 

#### The North American Waterfowl Species Slam

is not a contest. It's a personal quest. Many promote an official 41 waterfowl species to include ducks, geese, and swans [and crane]. But what's the real number? Ramsey Russell's North American Waterfowl Species List includes all subspecies encountered with travel. Waterfowl migrate and many of us hunters follow, because the world is way bigger than our own backyard. For many of us the reward is the experience: New waterfowl species are simply by-products of the chase. Ramsey Russell's GetDucks.com North American Waterfowl Species List represents the most complete North American Waterfowl Slam list. But it's your quest. Adjust as necessary or desired.

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Visit GetDucks.com for more detailed information to include full species descriptions, Ramsey's anecdotal observations, and where-to-hunt details.



# CORNER

#### WORLD GAMEBIRD LIST

#### **AFRICA**

African Black Duck African Knob-billed Duck African Pygmy Goose African Yellow-billed Duck Cape Shelduck Cape Shoveler Cape Teal Cape Turtle Dove Common Buttonguail **Egyptian Goose** Grey-winged Francolin Helmeted Guineafowl Hottentot Teal Laughing Dove Maccoa Duck Orange River Francolin Red-billed Teal Red-eyed Dove Rock Pigeon Southern Pochard Spur-winged Goose Swainson's Francolin White-backed Duck White-faced Whistling Duck

#### ASIA

Bar-headed Goose **Common Pochard** Common Shelduck Common Green-winged Teal **Eurasian Wigeon Ferruginous Pochard** Gadwall Garganey Goosander Greylag Goose Mallard Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler **Red-crested Pochard Ruddy Shelduck** Swan Goose Tufted Duck

#### EUROPE

Barnacle Goose Black Grouse Canada Goose Capercaillie (Western) Common Goldeneye Common Pochard Common Shelduck Common Green-winged Teal Eurasian Wigeon Ferruginous Pochard Gadwall Garganey Goosander Greylag Goose Mallard Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler Red-crested Pochard Smew Tufted Duck

#### NORTH AMERICA

American Black Duck American Wigeon Atlantic (Common) Eider Atlantic Brant Black (Pacific) Brant **Black Scoter Black-Bellied Whistling Duck** Blue Goose Blue-winged Teal **Bobwhite Quail** Bufflehead Cackling Goose Canada Goose Canvasback **Cinnamon Teal Common Eider Common Goldeneye** Common Merganser **Elegant Quail** Fulvous Whistling Duck Gadwall Gambel's Quail **Greater Scaup** Green-winged Teal Harlequin Duck Hooded Merganser **King Eider** Lesser Scaup Long-tailed Duck Mallard Mexican Duck Mottled Duck Mourning Dove Northern Common Eider Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler Ocellated Turkey **Red-breasted Merganser** Redhead **Ring-necked Duck Ring-necked Pheasant** Ross' Goose **Ruddy Duck** 

Sandhill Crane Sharp-tailed Grouse Snow Goose, Lesser Snow Goose, Greater Surf Scoter Tundra Swan White-fronted Goose White-winged Dove White-winged Scoter Wood Duck

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

Andean Goose Black-Bellied Whistling Duck Black-Headed Duck **Brazilian Duck** Chiloe Wigeon Cinnamon Teal **Common Perdiz** Crested Duck Eared Dove Fulvous Whistling Duck Pacific Dove **Picazuro Pigeon** Puna Teal Red Shoveler **Ringed Teal Rosy-billed Pochard** Sharp-winged Teal Silver Teal Speckled Teal Spot-winged Pigeon White-cheeked Pintail White-faced Whistling Duck Yellow-Billed Pintail

#### **SOUTH PACIFIC**

Australian Shelduck Australasian Shoveler Black Swan Chestnut Teal Gray Teal Hardhead Mallard Maned Duck Pacific Black Duck Paradise Shelduck Pink-eared Duck Puekeko



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