OFFERING THE WORLD'S BEST DUCK HUNTING EXPERIENCES SINCE 2003





COMPANY PROFILE

Enjoy the best duck hunting experiences on earth. Real duck hunts for real duck hunters. Relax. Simply oil up your guns, pack your bags, step into your favorite pair of boots - leave the planning, stress, and details to Ramsey Russell's GetDucks.com. GetDucks.com is a professional sporting agency specializing in worldwide wingshooting and hunting adventures. GetDucks. com provides serious bird hunting experiences on 6 continents. GetDucks.com places emphasis on trophy waterfowl species, unique locations with proven wildlife abundance. Crafting the perfect hunting experience to fit your schedule is what we do.

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 over 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 is from Brandon, Mississippi, subchairs SCI's Gamebird of the World, and specializes in finding the right waterfowl hunting properties as a Land Professional at National Land Realty. 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 since 1994. 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 home-grown, 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.

After I book a hunt with GetDucks.com I relax knowing that all the arrangements will be taken care of. Anita takes extremely good care of all my needs, she's the very best. I like the fact that if I am interested in a particular hunt all I have to do is call Ramsey knowing that he has been there personally and will give me a straight answer as to what I can expect on any given hunt. - Dan Spencer





About GetDucks.con

Explore GetDucks.com for a wealth of information about worldwide duck hunting offerings. Contact us to book your next duck hunt or to discuss topics of interest not presently listed. Ramsey Russell | P.O. Box 873 | Brandon, MS 39043 | 601.214.9737 | ramsey@getducks.com















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GetDucks.com Testimonials

SEASON SOMEWHERE



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.

Remote Parana River Delta Duck Hunt - Destined to become absolute legend among our destinations, this is an immersive adventure in what remains one of the wildest and most remote places you've likely ever set foot, especially in Argentina. And yet, its relative convenience is surprising. From a 5-stateroom floating lodge located 20-plus miles from the nearest road whatsoever, you're never more than 15 minutes from 2-hunter blinds in one of the most pristine hunting environments imaginable. Gourmet, chef-prepared meals, top-shelf wine selections and wifi while hunting truly wild birds in a remarkably wild place makes this experience stand head and shoulders above the rest. Reserve exclusively with as few as 4 hunters.



GetDucks.com Parana River

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.



GetDucks.com La Paz

Argentina Dove and Pigeon Combo

Located in San Luis Province, guests enjoy combo high-volume dove hunting and decoying pigeons. Excellent meals and accommodations, morning and afternoon shoots with field lunches. Hunts located about an 1-1.5 hours from lodge.

"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

"Our Argentina duck hunt was great. Los Ceibos was a great destination, the guides and lodge were first class and the hunting (for ducks, doves and perdiz) was better than expected. Thanks Ramsey!" - Robert Hammonds 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. Our top Argentina duck hunt for good reason.



GetDucks.com Las Flores

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



GetDucks.com Argentina

South Africa Duck Hunting Combo

South Africa Duck Hunting Combo is an incredible adventure that rivals Mexico and Argentina in terms of volume, but is an excellent collection duck hunt, too. Yes! Trophy bird capes may be imported to United States for taxidermy! Our customized GetDucks South Africa duck hunting packages encompass multiple provinces to ensure widest possible variety of habitats, maximizing the variety of ducks, geese, and upland gamebird species possible. For serious duck hunters, experienced collectors or vacationing families seeking to experience real South Africa duck hunting and gamebird hunting, this is the very best South African duck hunting combo package available. Plains game upgrade available!

"Just got back from South Africa waterfowl collectors hunt and had a spectacular time. Staff are awesome. Every spot-and-stalk was dead on. Was like 15 mini safaris. Was able to collect the 15 waterfowl species I was chasing in 3 1/2 days. Everything ran like a well-oiled machine. putting this wonderful trip together for me!!" - Rich Maris

"The lodging, the food, the guides/PHs, the people and the culture were exceptional. Ramsey has done an amazing job of inserting variety into this South Africa bird hunting trip and no 2 days are the same. I'm a better, more educated hunter as I return home. Truly life changing. I can't wait to come back again!" - Austin Collins



GetDucks.com South Africa



See South Africa



Hear What Hunters Say



Hunting Experiences

GETDUCKS CONSERVATION CORNER

Modern wildlife conservation can no longer only consider the observable, but also the unseen.

At the fundamental level, wildlife management is conservation of genetic variability as the variation that we describe as bio diversity was born out of millennia of selective processes at the molecular level. Dr. Philip Lavretsky's team at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) makes sure that waterfowl conservation remains at the forefront of wildlife conservation. Running a wildlife genetics lab, Dr. Lavretsky provides unparalleled innovative solutions for the management and conservation of worldwide waterfowl populations. With a lab motto of Field2Gene, Dr. Lavretsky's team works across landscapes to ask questions surrounding issues of hybridization, understanding habitat use, as well as movement and migratory tendencies, etc., but they do so with a solid foundation of knowing the exact genetic makeup of the individuals being used to ask those questions.

GetDucks.com's Ramsey Russell partnered with Dr. Lavretsky to conduct fieldwork on wild yellow-billed and African black ducks from South Africa. Not only did they get the first-ever genomic understanding of these species, but they are using this information to build informative field keys to

distinguish between age-sex age cohorts of these species. Thanks, in part, to Safari Club International, they collaborated again to collect vital waterfowl genetic data in Australia before anti-hunters permanently closing waterfowl hunting there. In North America, Dr. Lavretsky continues to help us understand population dynamics of our beloved waterfowl species worldwide, with major focus on improving wild mallard conservation. More recently, Lavretsky's research team has turned to AI-driven software development of application to direct management decisions.

A new partnership between Dr. Lavretsky and Ducks Unlimited. Coined as duckDNA, it's the largest citizen-scientist project attempted to date within waterfowl science. All North American duck hunters are being enlisted! If you're interested in participating and becoming a hunter-scientist like Ramsey Russell, sign up at www.duckDNA.com. Waterfowl hunters have always been among the most dedicated conservationists, and this is the latest opportunity to make sure we stay exemplary in wildlife conservation.

For more information, contact Dr. Philip Lavretsky at plavretsky@utep.edu

Website: utep.edu/science/lavretskylab Donation Page: givingto.utep.edu/conservation



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!

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.





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Hear What Hunters Say



Mazatlan Duck Hunting

"Obregon Mexico Duck Hunting Combo – Easy travel.
Good hunting. Lots of ducks. Great camaraderie, weather,
good number of birds, staff at the lodge is good. The lodge is
dated, it's comfortable and the service and value are good.
This was my 2nd trip and I will do it again. Ramsey and
Anita They make the trips easy." - David W. Owen

"Mazatlan Mexico Duck Hunt was outstanding in every way – Accommodations, guides, duck hunting. Seeing so many ducks in one place, something I will never forget." - Jerry Maness

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.



GetDucks.com Obregon

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.

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.

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.

"I can't say enough good things about Obregon Mexico Duck Hunting Combo. From the bird boys all the way to the outfitter himself, everyone made every moment super enjoyable, whether it was hunting or non-hunting!" - Dustin Kuehn "The hunting was great and this Mazatlan Mexico duck hunting outfitter exceeded expectations! Fast-paced action, sheer number of ducks in the area was impressive. My first time duck hunting in Mazatlan, I feel we had very productive hunts all three mornings. This trip was also a vacation for my wife and I, it was a great feeling knowing we could leave the booking and trip details up to the professionals at GetDucks.com." - Mason Tabler





GetDucks.com Mexico

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.

Guatemala Duck Hunting

Located just a short, easy flight from Houston, Texas, our upcoming Guatemala duck hunting adventure offers an immersive, off-the-beaten-path duck hunting experience. Fly into Guatemala City, transfer to private, ocean front villa about an hour away. Fantastic blue-winged teal hunts in nearby marshes and mangroves. Afternoon dove hunts over harvest sesame fields. World-class bill fishing available.

"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. Plains game hunting also available.

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.

San Luis Argentina Doves And Pigeons

San Luis Argentina is widely recognized as a location for the greatest remaining volume shotgunning on earth. Abundant eared doves and decoying pigeons over grain fields offers trigger-pulling enthusiasts full-day fun. For a standard 3-day package, GetDucks.com guests will enjoy superior wingshooting, unrivaled services, authentic lodging amenities, chef-prepared meals, and conveniences. Maximum capacity is 10 in 5 double rooms. Private parties are with a group of 6 or more. April-December shooting.

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

It's a real big world! 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, Ranchland Outfitters

Absolute best-of-best Alberta waterfowl hunting package featuring amazing duck and goose hunts, world-class dining, unrivaled hospitality. Choose either 3- or 6-day packages. Specializes in private groups for 6-8 hunters, smaller groups welcomed. September through December opportunities. Contact: Rob Reynolds, (780) 210-0411, email ranchlandoutfitters@gmail.com

Arkansas Duck Hunting, Commander's Corner

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, 318.460.0989, harrisonobanks@gmail.com, www.ccduckhunts.com.

Arkansas Spring Snow Goose Hunting, Dirty Bird Outfitters

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.

Delaware Sea Duck Hunting, Fowl Intensity Outfitters

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

This Kansas duck hunting program is all about mallards and more mallards, mostly over water. Expertly managed habitats, private property, superior flyway. All-day hunts or until limited. Contact: Drake Carter, 620.778.5480, drakecarter5480@gmail.com, or Roy Carter, 620.232.4829, roycbi@yahoo.com.



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Kansas Duck and Goose Hunting, Big Kansas Outdoors 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 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 bluewinged teal (September) and big ducks (November - January). Contact: Bart Haddad, 601.466.0152, southerncharters@aol.com.

Manitoba Canada Waterfowl Hunting, Birdtail Waterfowl

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

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

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, 573.724.2225, purehenduckcalls@outlook.com.

Nebraska Duck and Goose Hunting, Wyobraska Outfitters

Incredible duck and goose hunting in Nebraska's fabled North Platte River Valley features utter convenience and comfort while targeting mallards, especially, honkers and cackling geese. Long track-record for success with 95% repeat client bookings, usually sells out well in advance. Contact Michael Kahler, 307-575-9206, email reservations@wyobraskawaterfowl.com.



New England Sea Duck Hunting, RPM Outdoors

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.

North Dakota Waterfowl Hunting, Dirty Bird Outfitters

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

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, Mesquite Hollow Outfitters

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, mesquitehollowoutfitters@gmail.com, mesquitehollowoutfitters.us.

Ontario Canada Goose Hunting, Apex Waterfowling

Major Canadian waterfowl migratory corridor formed by sandwiching a massive grain agriculture landscape between the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers. Epic numbers of big migrator Canada geese the likes of which few have witnessed, and mallards. The 3-day package includes excellent lodging and memorable chefprepared meals. Contact: Ryan Reynolds, 613.453.8224, apexwfinc@gmail.com.

Saskatchewan Canada Waterfowl Hunting, Northern Skies Outfitters

All-inclusive waterfowl hunting packages for honkers, ducks, snows and cranes in Saskatchewan Canada. Package includes professional guide services, spotters, cabin lodging and home-cooked meals, bird processing, ammo (3 boxes daily) and licenses. Long-time, year-round outfitter delivers.

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



Saskatchewan Waterfowl Hunting, Prairie Limits Outfitters

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 Blue-Winged Teal Hunt, Rocky Creek Retrievers

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, sbrcr01@aol.com.

Texas Coastal Redhead Hunt & More, Run-N-Gun Adventures

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, 979.476.5858, Run-n-gunadventures@ hotmail.com, www.run-n-gunadventures.com.

Texas Goose Hunting and More - Panhandle, Sea to Sky Outfitters

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, olonadier@gmail.com, www.seatoskyoutfitters.com.

Wyoming Duck and Goose Hunting, WyoBraska Waterfowl

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It's Always Duck Season Somewhere

Ramsey Russell pursues waterfowl to the ends of the earth

BY OLIVER HARTNER

waterhunting excursions to places within driving distance of their home. A smaller cohort chases the migration within the borders of North America. But an elite few travel beyond continental boundaries, and if they have hunted ducks in corners of the globe barely discernible on a map, there is a high probability they were in the company of Ramsey Russell.

Since 2003, Russell has built an adventurous life around his passion for waterfowling with the phrase "It's duck season somewhere" as his guiding mantra.

Before gallivanting around the globe in search of ducks and geese, Russell grew up in Greenville, Miss., a part of the state's Delta region known for its waterfowling opportunities. He didn't find his way to hunting until his early 20s, but he read stories about hunts in other parts of the country that seemed exotic to him.

"When I was in high school sitting in study hall — some called it detention — I'd read books and magazines about hunting snow geese in Texas. Reading those stories inspired me, and when I had a little money in my pocket after getting to graduate school, I went to Texas on a goose hunt and thought it was amazing. That's what planted the travel bug," Russell says.

He finished his postgraduate education at Mississippi State University and took a job as a forester with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which provided him with enough disposable income to expand his hunting horizons.

Russell booked a

duck hunt in Canada, but he quickly realized it wasn't a first-class trip when the guide showed up hungover and more than an hour late. His disappointment in the experience inspired him to return to Canada with a plan of his own.

Instead of going through a middleman, Russell established direct contact with an outfitter in Alberta. He invited three friends to go with him; the following year, 10 more joined the group. After one of the hunts, he was pulled aside by the outfitter and asked >



to become a booking agent for hunting trips.

"I was just a hunter who wanted to hunt," Russell recalls. "I asked him, 'What the heck is a booking agent?' and he said, 'Well, you book hunts and bring clients, and I pay you a commission. It's essentially what you're doing right now except you're not getting paid to do it."

"I was a federal employee with a budding career and wasn't necessarily interested in a side hustle, but he made a compelling case," Russell says.

He began building his side business by joining several duck hunting forums and posting about his hunts. He also created the first iteration of Getducks.com. Russell kept booking hunts in western Canada, then learned how to expand his offerings after a canceled trip to South America.

"I booked an Argentina hunt through a taxidermist down there to try it out, and it was great," Russell recalls. "The following year, I couldn't get in contact with him when my friends wanted to go. So, I called the outfitter directly, and when he told me that many of these booking agents were fly-by-night, I saw a business opportunity to do things better."

Russell used every hour of his annual leave that summer to build out his book for hunts in Argentina, "When we're out there together for hours at a time, we might not speak the same tongue, but we share the common language of duck hunting."

- RAMSEY RUSSELL

Uruguay and Peru in South America. One of the outfitters he still uses in Argentina asked to meet with him after his hunt, and from this meeting, a unique business opportunity was presented.

The owner of that outfitter brought a notebook with him. He said, "'We've worked with clients from France, Italy and other parts of Europe. But I want you to tell me precisely how American hunters want things to go," Russell recalls.

In essence, what he told him was, "We want the ducks to present themselves, and this requires certain techniques and practices they didn't know how to execute."

Through this hybrid booking-consulting model, Russell provided more value to the outfitters. As a result, Get Ducks grew more profitable, and the hunts became more exotic. In 2008, he considered leaving federal service to pursue his passion as a full-time career.

"My father-in-law was a CPA and my brother-in-law was a banker, and they told me the numbers looked good," Russell says. "Then I called in a favor and got among the big boys at Dallas Safari Club ... (who) saw I was offering something unique."

The following week, he walked into the office and declared, "I have seen the future, and this ain't it."

"I ended my career in federal service, put all my chips on the table, and I haven't looked back," he says.

In the ensuing 15 years, Get Ducks has grown to offer domestic and international hunts, with Russell logging between 150 and 200 days of travel annually — with some years climbing as high as 300 days on the road.



Russell and a local guide on the way back from a duck blind in Azerbaijan.

He chases the migration from Canada to Mexico throughout the fall and winter, then changes hemispheres and hunts south of the equator during the Northern Hemisphere's spring and summer.

Within a given year, his hunts may take him from the edge of the Arctic Circle to the southern islands of New Zealand. Getting to many of these foreign and remote >





places under normal circumstances can be challenging, but when you add the logistics of waterfowling to the mix, it takes a practiced guide to keep things running smoothly.

Russell recounts a trip to Mongolia when he and a client were sequestered at the airport in Beijing.

"I presented the paperwork for our firearms to airport security, but they didn't process them correctly, having never seen such a thing before. They pulled us off into a room and there were a bunch of police, and everyone was yelling at each other."

Fortunately, Russell had stashed copies of the documents in each piece of luggage. This allowed him to produce the papers again so their translator could sort things out with law enforcement. Almost 12 hours later, they were able to continue their journey.

"Traveling to these places can be very daunting, and you've got to be able to roll with the punches and be prepared for anything," he says.

Sam VanHook, who met Russell when both were with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, has accompanied him on several of his adventures. They've hunted in Argentina, Mexico, Canada and the Netherlands.

"When I hunt in a foreign country, I want the hosts to be legitimate and safety minded, and Ramsey ensures that," VanHook says. "You know when you're hunting with him that everything is going to turn out right, even if there's a complication."

Ian Munn was one of Russell's professors during his graduate studies, and they've since hunted together in South Africa, Russia, Canada, Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay. Munn says Russell and his wife, Anita, "have an incredible eye for detail, and it's comforting to know that they're supporting you on these trips if something goes wrong."

One of the reasons
Russell started on this
journey was to live life
to the fullest and to
hunt game in places
where he could be
transported — if only
for a little while — to a
time before mankind
made its mark upon
this planet. "And that's
getting more difficult to
find in the year 2023,"
he says.

"Ducks were around a long time before we were, and I want to find them living as they did before our species was here," he says. "Before agriculture. Before civilization."

During his quests to find these places, Russell has seen evidence that humanity and the natural world are on a collision course that threatens both our species and the wildlife making their home in the habitat.

"Our connection with nature has been severed, making it hard to see the damage we're doing to the ducks if you're not a hunter or get outdoors very much," he says. "Conservation organizations like Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl are holding what I like to call the 'thin green line,' but that line is thinning out."

Russell uses his podcast, Duck Season Somewhere, to discuss these matters and document waterfowling culture. "I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but at this rate, waterfowling won't be around in 20 to 30 years if we don't do better," he says.

Russell values the unique cultural experiences of the places he hunts as much or more than the game he harvests.

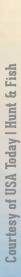
"So much of what I love about going to these places has nothing whatsoever to do with pulling the trigger. I love getting off the beaten path and completely immersing myself in the culture. My life is like walking through the pages of an old school National Geographic magazine, but instead of a camera, I'm packing a shotgun and waders," he says.

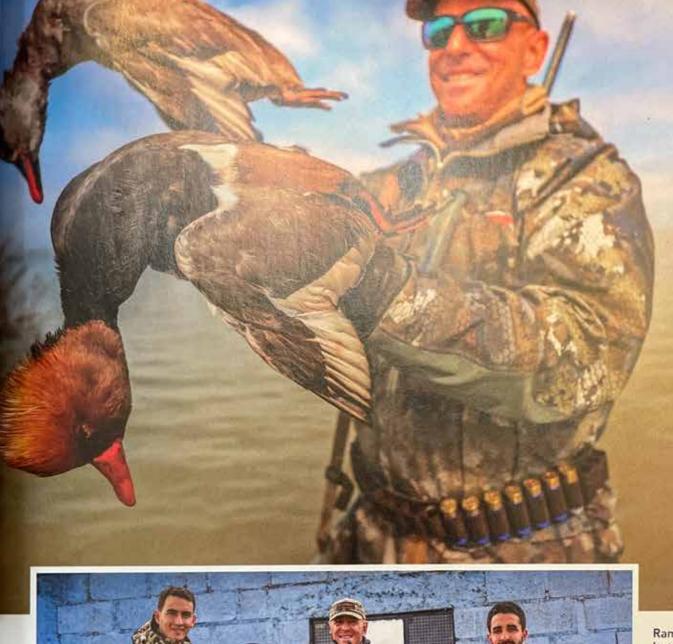
Without the aid of a translator, Russell often spends several days



hunting and staying among rural native tribes of people who lack plumbing or electricity. Still, he insists the language barrier rarely presents a problem because of the common love for waterfowling.

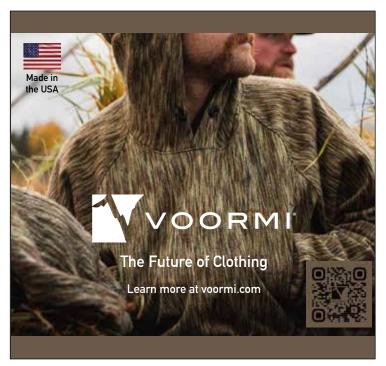
"When we're out there together for hours at a time, we might not speak the same tongue, but we share the common language of duck hunting. And that makes up for a lot of the things that might get lost in translation," he says.





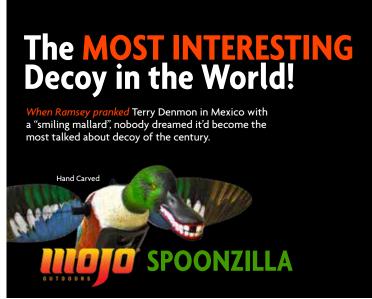


Ramsey in a marsh between the Pacific Ocean and the Atacama Desert in southern Peru and with a family of herders in the Andes.



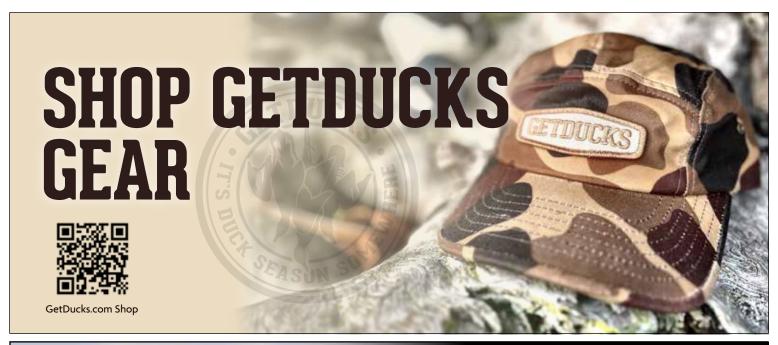


















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TESTIMONIALS

I never could have imagined the time I would have in Argentina would exceed my expectations so much. I had the time of my life duck hunting in the remote marshlands of Argentina. Our guides and the rest of the staff hosted the most amazing experience I could asked for!! - Ashely Gonitzke



Regarding our recent La Paz Argentina duck hunt, the staff are very hospitable, the best. Hunting was superb, food delicious. La Paz is truly the crown jewel of Argentina duck hunting, pigeons and doves.

Thanks to all involved. - Mike & Josh Stephens

Many thanks for great memories I will take them to the grave. Outstanding Argentina bird hunting, food, staff and attention to detail. Only hope I can come back soon! - Terry Gruninger

Caught your Family Traditions Australia podcast episode on my drive to this morning's hunt. Quite an eye opener as to just how vulnerable this sport of ours really could be. Thank you for all that you do for the waterfowling community! - Doug Dohl

The duck hunting in Mazatlan Mexico was excellent. Area was fantastic. My non-hunting wife had a great time. I was able to harvest all of my target duck species [prime taxidermy specimens]. Communications with Ramsey and Anita were very good. - Chad Snarski

Incredible Argentina duck hunting, Ramsey!
Whacked em hard and fast each morning!!!I
Sign us up again for next year! Dad loved
it. Said best duck hunting he's ever
experienced or even heard of! Great trip!
- Brent Wood

Thanks to the good folks at Getducks.com
that arranged our excellent Alaska King Eider
hunting trip. We have hunted ducks on four
different continents, but this Alaska king
eider hunt proved to be the excitement of
a lifetime. - Kinsey and Mona Robinson



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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.



GetDucks.com North American List

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 Buttonquail 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

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**

White-faced Whistling Duck

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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 Cape Barren Goose Chestnut Teal Gray Teal Hardhead Magpie Goose Mallard Maned Duck Pacific Black Duck Paradise Shelduck Pink-eared Duck Plumed Whistling Duck Puekeko Wandering Whistling Duck



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