**January/February** (Closing Date: November 1, 2005)

**Geese in the 21st Century**
A review on the status of major goose populations, highlighting conservation issues and describing historical changes in goose hunting opportunities in North America.

**Winter Tactics for Ducks**
Learn how to adjust your hunting to various winter weather conditions—such as snow, rain, fog, and high winds—that are found in different parts of the country.

**Waterfowl in Early America**
A story built around the journals of early-American settlers and explorers describing how they hunted waterfowl and how hunting was important to survival and not merely a pastime.

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**March/April** (Closing date: January 3, 2006)

**Waterfowl Surveys**
An explanation of how data from the major waterfowl and harvest surveys affect waterfowl management.

**Hunting Western Nebraska**
Learn about the hunting opportunities along the North Platte River, between Lake McConaughy and Scottsbluff, for mallards and other duck species.

**Layout Basics**
Essential tactics—finding the right hunting area, setting an effective decoy spread, calling, cover and camouflage, and the challenge of working birds when you can’t see them—for hunting from a layout boat or coffin blind.

**Why We Hunt?**
An exploration of the reasons why waterfowlers hunt ducks and geese and what drives them to be conservationists.
May/June (Closing date: March 1, 2006)

Pacific Flyway Challenges
An update on the conservation challenges that threaten waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway.

Hunting Reelfoot Lake
The combination of Reelfoot Lake and Howard Harlin, waterfowling historian and call maker, can only make for a memorial late-season duck and goose hunt.

Take a New Hunter
Learn how to teach the basics of waterfowling and make first hunts positive and enjoyable for new waterfowlers.

Duck Blind Contest
DU members submit plans, photos, and a write-up describing their duck blind designs in hopes of being chosen as one of the best. Finalists in the contest will be published in Ducks Unlimited magazine.

New Guns & Ammo
An update on the new waterfowling shotguns, ammunition, and accessories introduced at the 2006 SHOT Show.

July/August (Closing date: May 2, 2006)

No Net Loss?
An article putting the statement “no net loss” in perspective and explaining why there continues to be a great and urgent need for wetland conservation and restoration in North America.

Texas Panhandle
Experience puddle duck and goose hunting on the Playa Lakes region of Texas.

Special Retriever Section
Three-part section covering the history of the major retriever breeds, summer drills for retrievers, and a look at what is new in retriever training gear.

Hunting the Prairie
A celebration of autumn wingshooting opportunities on the northern prairies.
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#### September/October (Closing Date: July 1, 2006)

**2006 Waterfowl Forecast**  
The most anticipated feature of the year—a detailed report on habitat conditions & waterfowl populations throughout the major breeding areas of North America.

**Prairie Grassland Loss**  
Grassland loss continues to be the greatest threat to waterfowl breeding on the prairies. New information on loss rates and landscape factors that contribute to this threat will be presented.

**Hunting Across Canada**  
Four classic waterfowling destinations will be featured: Alberta’s Peace River, parklands west of Saskatoon, Manitoba’s legendary Sports Afield Club, and Quebec’s Cap Tourmente.

**Mastering the Short-Reed**  
Learn how to move beyond simple honks and clucks and incorporate more complex goose sounds using today’s short-reed goose calls.

**Classic Doubles of Waterfowling**  
A look back at side-by-side guns that were popular among duck and goose hunters in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

**Gearing Up**  
The return of a popular feature which highlights gear for the serious waterfowler.

**Photo Essay: A Friend for All Seasons**  
Experience the personalities of Labs, goldens, and Chesapeake Bay retrievers in the field and around the house.

**Go Mobile for Ducks**  
How do you plan and execute a successful road trip to hunt waterfowl? Learn how to find good hunting away from home, what to take, and how to plan for a variety of options.
Far
m Bill
What does the 2007 Farm Bill mean to DU and waterfowl populations? Find out how important this Farm Bill is and what you can do to help get a strong Conservation Title passed through our legislative system.

Hunting the Atlantic Flyway
From Maine to Florida, the Atlantic Flyway’s rich waterfowling history, current hunting opportunities, and DU’s conservation efforts make it a desirable destination for waterfowling.

10 Tips for Decoy-Shy Ducks
Find out what strategies southern guides and hunters use to deal with decoy-shy birds.

Easy Geese
Some goose hunters have found success with a scaled-down approach to goose hunting. Find out what the essential tactics and gear are to be successful.

Photo Essay: Seasons of Waterfowling
This photo essay traces the phases of a waterfowl season from early-teal shooting in September to late-January mallards and geese.

Granddad’s Gear
A feature that contrast waterfowling gear from the 1940s and 1950s to what is used today, emphasizing the tremendous technological strides that have taken place.

Waterfowling Survival Guide
What every duck and goose hunter should know about surviving emergencies while hunting and what essential survival gear should be taken afield.

New Duck Calls
A look at new developments in duck calls from all major manufacturers.

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