

# GROUP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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1978 – Ducks Unlimited Inc. and Ducks Unlimited Canada



**Organization:** Dedicated to conserving waterfowl and wetland habitats

**Accomplishments:** Both Ducks Unlimited Inc. and Ducks Unlimited Canada have been intimately involved in numerous aspects of wetland and waterfowl management for many years; DU was first established in 1937, while DUC followed close behind in 1938. These organizations work at many scales, from local exotic plant management to international policy development, and on many species, ranging from geese and ducks to wetland invertebrates and plants. Both organizations often collaborate with governments, universities and non-governmental organizations to maximize their environmental impacts.

DU and DUC played a major role in the recovery of many waterfowl populations, which had demonstrated significant declines by the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, primarily as a result of habitat loss. Both organizations continue to play critical roles in the conservation and management of the species of many wetland and upland habitats across North America.