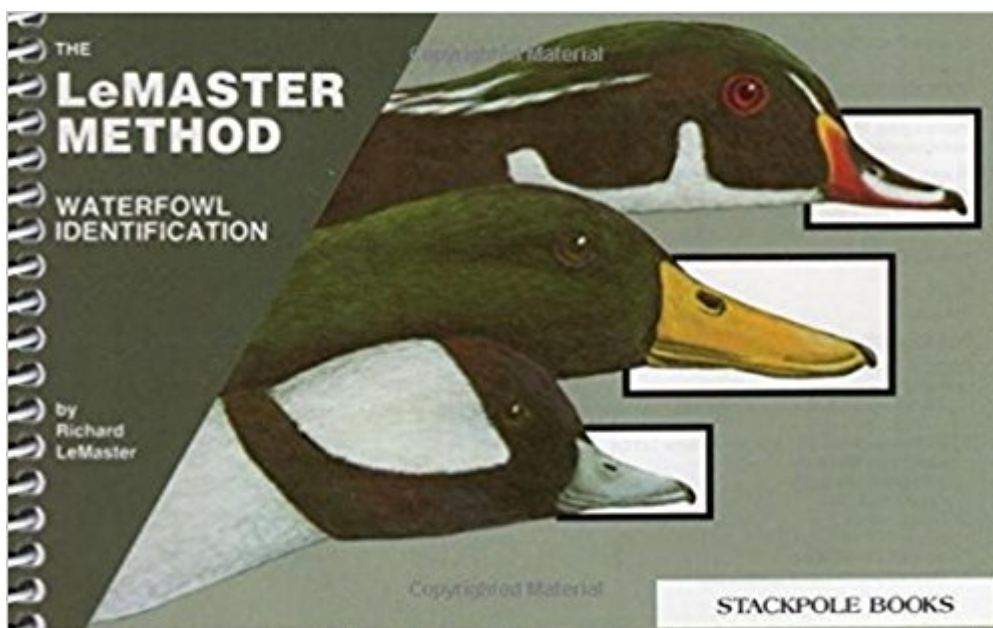


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# Waterfowl Identification: The LeMaster Method



## Synopsis

Instructions for identifying 40 species of ducks, geese and swans.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Richard Lemaster is a Stackpole Books author.

Whether an avid waterfowl hunter, a bird spotter, or just a novice outdoorsman, I think this book is very well put together and can be an asset to anyone interested in identifying waterfowl. The LeMaster Method seems well thought out and a sound method for identifying birds on the wing or on the water. My only complaint, as seems the case with many other reviewers, is the quality of the paper and binding. If this were designed to be used as a field guide it would stand to reason with me that the pages would be of a more sturdy card stock rather than the flimsy paper used, plus some sort of water-resistant coating. I didn't take off a star for the quality of the paper and binding because that does not take away the quality of the author's work. Hopefully the publisher has paid attention to the reviews, however, and produces a printing on better card stock for outdoor use.

Put this book in a zip lock bag to keep it dry and pull it out whenever you're not 100% sure what you just shot. Study it well before and you will be able to ID the duck about to land by your decoys. It may just save you from a \$260 ticket for bagging one too many young hen pintails that looks similar to a wigeon at 30 yds.

Very useful in the field. I've used other books, but have found this one to be the best. Also, the material it is made of stands up well to the often wet environment inside the duck blind.

This book is not a complete field guide to waterfowl ID. It is, however a great supplement to another field book such as Peterson's or Sibley's. Those books are preferred for identifying waterfowl on the wing or on the water. This book is more for identifying a duck in hand. It supplements other guides by including characteristics that are ignored in other texts such as bill size, bill shape and foot coloration. It is small enough to fit in a field pack or shell box. It is poorly constructed, so take care with it or it won't last. For anyone who is looking to ID ducks in hand, also check out "Species, Age and Sex Identification of Ducks Using Wing Plumage" on the USGS website.

very very easy to identify species with this book. However, i was hoping the pages would be a bit more field-friendly, as it's clear that they will eventually rip and tear over time due to being handled with wet or dirty hands.

I was really excited to buy this book to place in my hunting bag. After one trip I found that it is not waterproof what so ever. The content is great, but the construction is horrible. It looks like something that came out of my cheap home printer first off. The pages are not laminated at all and once it fell into the water its next trip was to the trash. I saw another review on here stating it would have been a good \$5 impulse buy but not the \$15 I paid for it. STAY CLEAR if you plan to duck hunt with it.

Good book . We keep it on Our duck boat for those slow shooting times.

I am new to duck hunting and worried about shooting the wrong bird or too many of the same sex, so I picked this handy reference ID to work on my recognition. It has a lot of ducks to study and most of them were in my Mid-west region, so it met my expectations in that sense. For me, recognition comes from repeated exposure and observation, so the inflight drawings and pictures of different species heads are handy, but I think I will just need more time out in the field watching/shooting ducks. I don't feel confident about which duck is which after flipping through this book a dozen times, except for maybe pintails, mallards, and teal. The rest look a lot alike at this point. Maybe a video version of this would help me grasp them better.

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