

What Is a Decoy?

Decoys are a folk art form indigenous to North America. Native Americans used reed decoys, bird skins or piles of sod to lure in waterfowl. Colonists were impressed with the usefulness of this tool and began carving wooden adaptations.

Regional styles immersed within isolated communities throughout the United States. These styles were affected by water conditions, migration patterns and artistic vision of the area.

Waterfowl hunters historically have used several types of decoys. The four divisions of the Challenge reflect some of these decoys:

FLOATING



SHOREBIRD



CONTEMPORARY ANTIQUUE DECOY



WOODPECKER

