



Who loves wild places?



A photograph of a swampy forest. In the foreground, a large, textured tree trunk with a prominent buttress is on the left. The ground is covered in water and green vegetation. In the background, several other trees with similar buttresses stand in a line, receding into the distance. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

Who else loves wild places?

Hunters and anglers.



And they're extra special.



**Conservation
depends
on hunters
and anglers.**



**How does hunting and fishing
help wild places?**





It's all about money.

**\$100,000
for conservation
every 30 minutes.**

In early years, the money paid for...

Wildlife
restoration



Fish hatcheries and stocking



Game wardens

White-tailed deer



Total population in 1900: 500,000

Today: 30,000,000

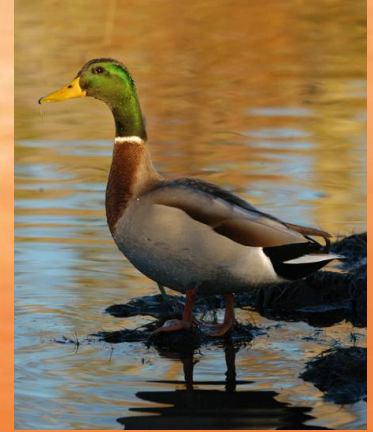
Wild turkeys



Then: 100,000

Today: 7,000,000

Aquatic health
improved
nationwide.





Today, the money also pays
for conserving habitat.

Keeping it wild.

**Good for species
that are harvested.**



And those that aren't.

**Good for people
who hunt and fish.**



And those who don't.

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The trees are mostly evergreens, and the ground is covered in dark, dense foliage.

**Good for all of us
who love wild places.**

**In 1972, Congress established
a special day to honor
hunters and anglers
for their leadership in
conserving America's
wildlife and wild places.**





Always the fourth Saturday in September.