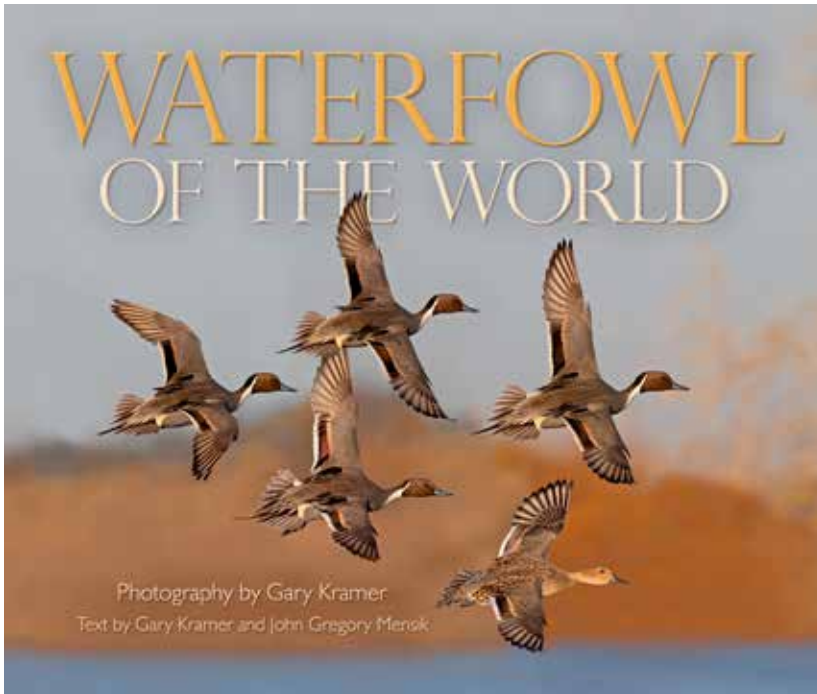


## Waterfowl of the World GARY KRAMER



Renowned wildlife photographer Gary Kramer started with an incredibly ambitious goal: To photograph every species of waterfowl on the planet — 167 in all. His journey took him to six continents over five years, and the result is “Waterfowl of the World,” a stunning 540-page book containing 1,299 photos and biographical info on all of the waterfowl species on earth.

Kramer, a waterfowl biologist and refuge for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 26 years, ranks among the best wildlife photographers in the North America. A lifelong waterfowl hunter from Willows, California, it’s no surprise that his favorite photo subjects are ducks, geese and swans.

On the heels of completing “A Celebration of North American Upland Birds,” which included all 34 upland game birds found in the United States and Canada, Kramer was inspired to tackle the daunting task of traveling the world with his camera in search of waterfowl — some rare, many remote and others nearly impossible to find.

“I had all of the North American species,

and that’s 46 of them,” Kramer said. “When I started to look into it, I thought, ‘My goodness, can this even be accomplished?’ Nobody has ever done this.”

Kramer’s sojourn landed him in remote villages deep in rainforests and other wild places. He traveled more than 9,000 miles to India in order to photograph Andaman teal, of which fewer than 1,000 are known to exist. Kramer traveled for six days for a chance to photograph the Madagascar pochard, the rarest waterfowl on earth. Only 74 are known to exist, and all of them are on a single mountain lake in Madagascar. Just like the other species, Kramer got the shot.



“Waterfowl of the World” is an amazing accomplishment, a visual treat and a treasure for all who love waterfowl.

“I look at it as my opus, my last big push of my waterfowl career,” he said.

The book is available directly from Kramer at his website, [garykramer.net](http://garykramer.net).