

# Elam Fisher

(?- 1871) *Detroit, Michigan*

Early duck calls were handmade and of curious designs.

Non-patent duck calls may have been made as early as 1850. Elam Fisher's call was nicknamed "Tongue Pincher". Tongue Pinchers had limited tone range and often cut the hunters' tongues and mouths.

Fisher was famous for the production of his Tongue Pincher Duck Calls which were made of two pieces of curved wood facing each other with a metal reed sandwiched between them and a holding device (usually a band) holding it all together.



This style call lent itself to being made by backwoodsmen Elam Fisher created the first patented duck call in 1870, and first sold commercially.

Then again history shows that another craftsman Fred Allen from Monmouth, Illinois had already created a dependable barrel-style call. His was as early as 1863 but did not have a patent.

