

Need another word that means the same as “decoy”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “decoy” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Decoy” are: steerer, bait, lure, red herring, entice, induce, inveigle, ensnare**

## Decoy as a Noun

### Definitions of "Decoy" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “decoy” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person or thing used to mislead or lure someone into a trap.*
- *A beguiler who leads someone into danger (usually as part of a plot).*
- *Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed.*
- *A bird or mammal, or an imitation of one, used by hunters to attract other birds or mammals.*
- *A pond from which narrow netted channels lead, into which wild duck may be enticed for capture.*



## Synonyms of "Decoy" as a noun (4 Words)

### **bait**

Something intended to entice someone to do something.  
*Herrings make excellent **bait** for pike.*

### **lure**

Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed.  
*The film industry always has been a glamorous **lure** for young girls.*

### **red herring**

Emotionally charged terms used to refer to extreme radicals or revolutionaries.

### **steerer**

A beguiler who leads someone into danger (usually as part of a plot).



## Usage Examples of "Decoy" as a noun

- *A decoy duck.*
- *We need a decoy to distract their attention.*



## Decoy as a Verb

### Definitions of "Decoy" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "decoy" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Lure or entrap with or as if with a decoy.*
- *Lure or entice (a person or animal) away from their intended course, typically into a trap.*



## Synonyms of "Decoy" as a verb (5 Words)

- ensnare** Catch in or as if in a trap.  
*They were **ensnared** in city centre traffic.*
- entice** Provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion.  
*The treat is offered to **entice** the dog to eat.*
- induce** Bring on childbirth in (a pregnant woman) artificially, typically by the use of drugs.  
*None of these measures **induced** a change of policy.*
- inveigle** Influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering.  
*We cannot **inveigle** him into putting pen to paper.*
- lure** Tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by offering some form of reward.  
*The child was **lured** into a car but managed to escape.*



### **Usage Examples of "Decoy" as a verb**

- *They would try to decoy the enemy towards the hidden group.*



## Associations of "Decoy" (30 Words)

- albatross** Large web-footed birds of the southern hemisphere having long narrow wings; noted for powerful gliding flight.  
*An **albatross** of a marriage.*
- allure** Dispose or incline or entice to.  
*Will sponsors really be **allured** by such opportunities.*
- attract** Be attractive to.  
*The gravitational pull of a planet **attracts** other bodies.*
- bait** Lure entice or entrap with bait.  
*I used a hook **baited** with fat.*
- captivate** Attract and hold the interest and attention of; charm.  
*He was **captivated** by her beauty.*
- chick** Informal terms for a (young) woman.  
*Dozens of fluffy chirruping **chicks** hatched out.*

<b>chicken</b>	The flesh of a chicken used for food. <i>I was too <b>chicken</b> to go to court.</i>
<b>cygnet</b>	A young swan.
<b>delusive</b>	Giving a false or misleading impression. <b>Delusive</b> expectations.
<b>duck</b>	Flesh of a duck domestic or wild. <i>A tangy stew of <b>duck</b> lamb and sausage.</i>
<b>egret</b>	Any of various usually white herons having long plumes during breeding season.
<b>entice</b>	Provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion. <i>A show which should <b>entice</b> a new audience into the theatre.</i>
<b>enticing</b>	Attractive or tempting; alluring. <i>Difficult to say no to an <b>enticing</b> advertisement.</i>
<b>flamingo</b>	Large pink to scarlet web-footed wading bird with down-bent bill; inhabits brackish lakes.
<b>goose</b>	Flesh of a goose domestic or wild. <b>Goose</b> the car.
<b>gull</b>	A person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of.
<b>heron</b>	A large fish-eating wading bird with long legs, a long S-shaped neck, and a long pointed bill.
<b>inducement</b>	Act of bringing about a desired result. <b>Inducement</b> of sleep.
<b>lure</b>	Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed. <i>The film industry always has been a glamorous <b>lure</b> for young girls.</i>
<b>nest</b>	Inhabit a nest usually after building. <i>Potato <b>ests</b> filled with okra.</i>
<b>seduction</b>	The action of seducing someone. <i>The <b>seductions</b> of the mainland.</i>
<b>seductive</b>	Tending to entice into a desired action or state. <i>A <b>seductive</b> voice.</i>
<b>spoonbill</b>	A tall mainly white or pinkish wading bird related to ibises, having a long bill with a very broad flat tip.
<b>swan</b>	Stately heavy-bodied aquatic bird with very long neck and usually white plumage as adult. <i><b>Swanning</b> around Europe nowadays are we.</i>



<b><u>tempt</u></b>	Entice or try to entice (someone) to do something that they find attractive but know to be wrong or unwise. <i>I was <b>tempted</b> to look at my watch but didn't dare.</i>
<b>tempter</b>	A person or thing that tempts. <i>Satan is the great <b>tempter</b> of mankind.</i>
<b>tern</b>	A seabird related to the gulls, typically smaller and more slender, with long pointed wings and a forked tail.
<b>webbed</b>	(of the feet of some animals) having the digits connected by a thin fold of skin. <i>A heavy <b>webbed</b> strap.</i>
<b><u>wince</u></b>	An instance of wincing. <i>She <b>wincing</b> when she heard his pompous speech.</i>