

Waterfowl of Minnesota



Environmental Science

Waterfowl Flyways



U.S. Migratory Bird Flyways

Mississippi Flyway

- ∞ Migration of ducks and geese through Mn
- ∞ Come from as far as Northern Alaska.



Puddle Ducks vs. Diving Ducks

- ☞ Also called dabbling
- ☞ Usually prefer smaller bodies of water.
- ☞ Eat by tipping butt up and head into shallow water.



- ☞ Usually prefer larger bodies of water.
- ☞ Eat by diving under the water to find various foods



Common Name

☞ Puddle or Diving Duck

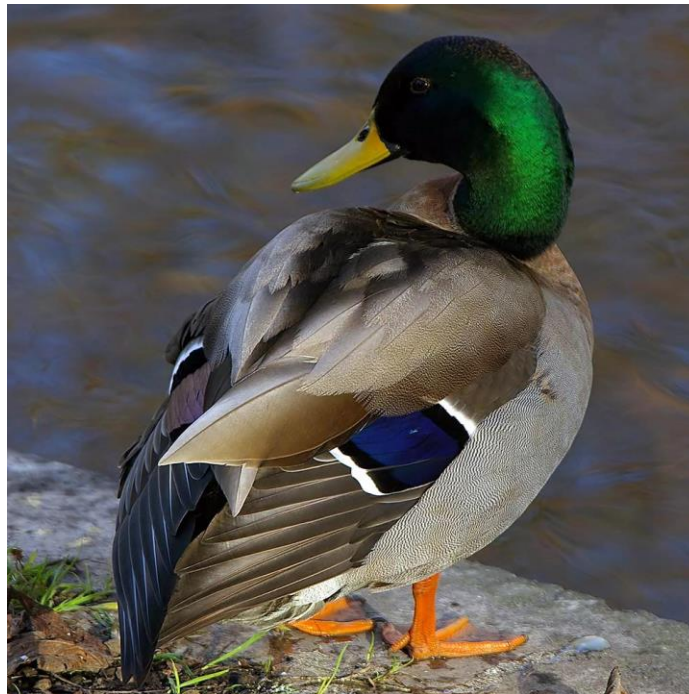
☞ Nicknames

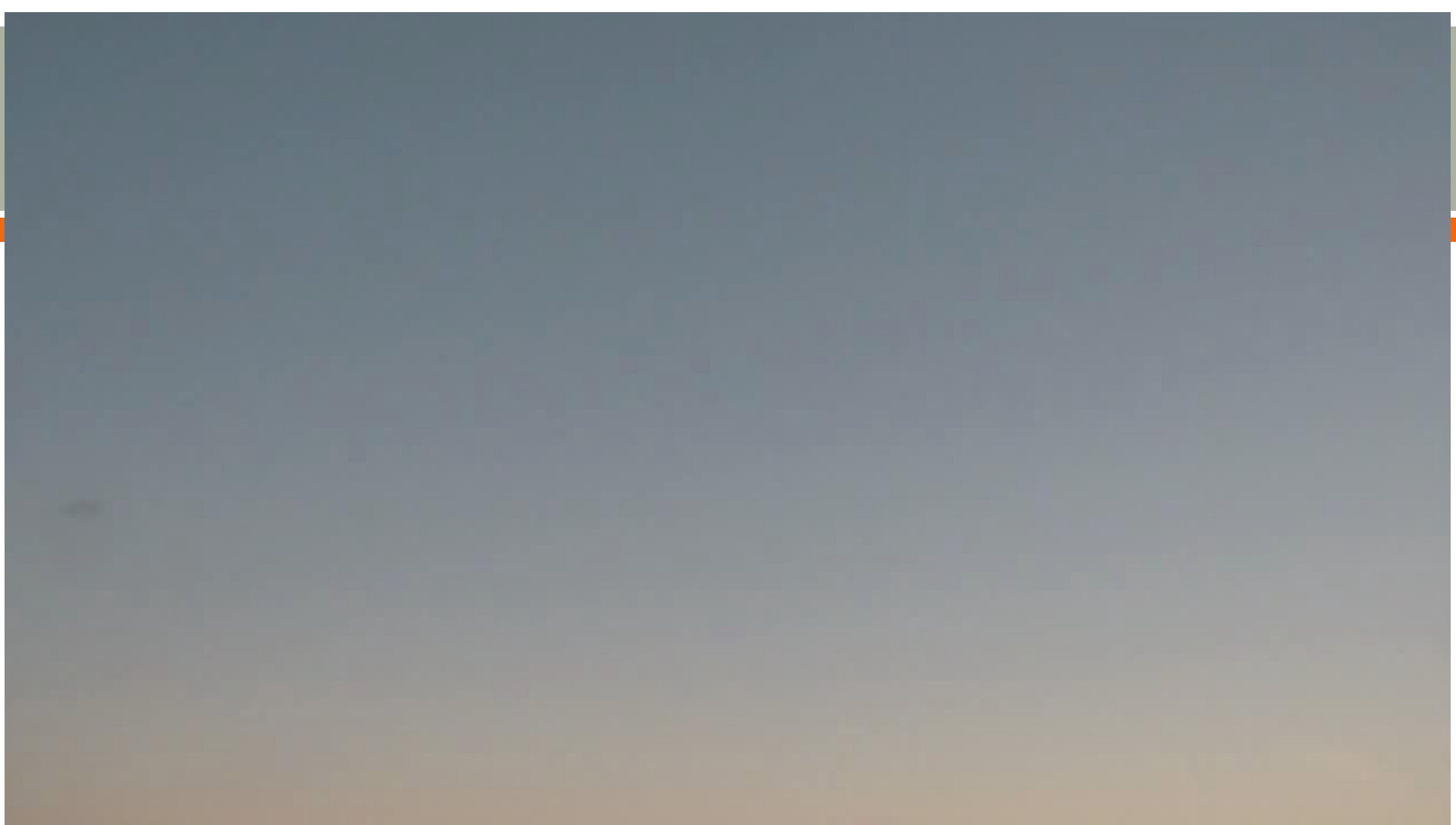
Mallard

☞ Puddle Duck



☞ Greenhead





Black Duck

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Sometimes produce hybrids with Mallards



Northern Pintail

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Sprig

☞ Common Pintail

☞ Pintail



Hen

Drake

Gadwall

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Gray Duck



American Wigeon

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Baldplate

☞ Robber Duck



Northern Shoveler

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Spoonbill

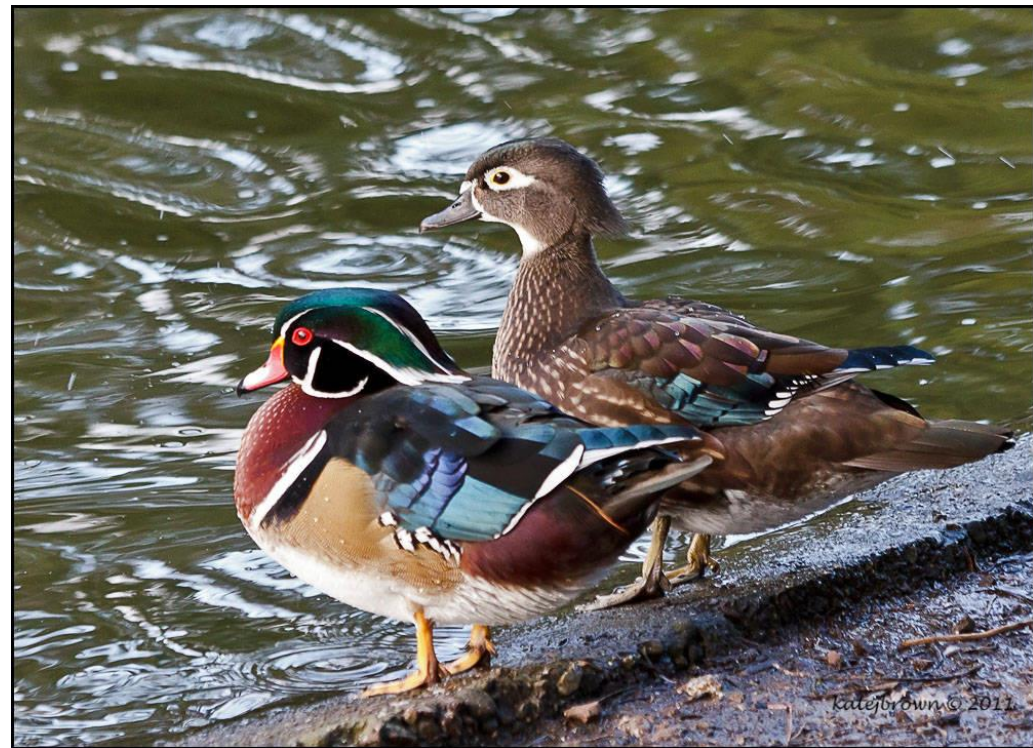


Wood Duck

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Woody

☞ Squealer



Green-Winged Teal

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Greenwing



Blue-Winged Teal

☞ Puddle Duck

☞ Bluewing



Canvasback

∞ Diving Duck

∞ Can

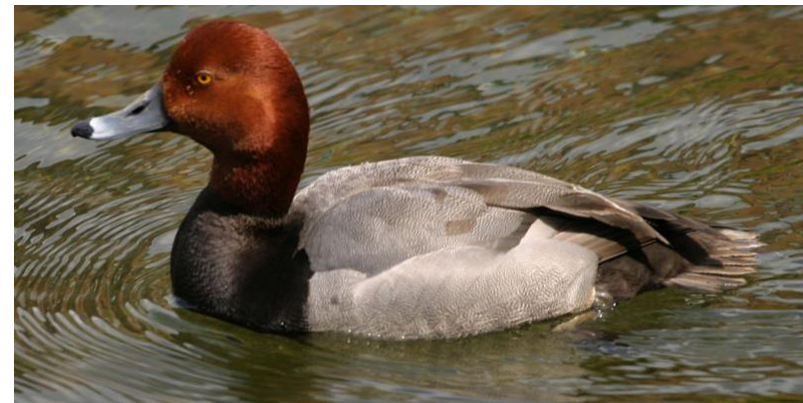


Redhead

∞ Diving Duck



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Lesser Scaup

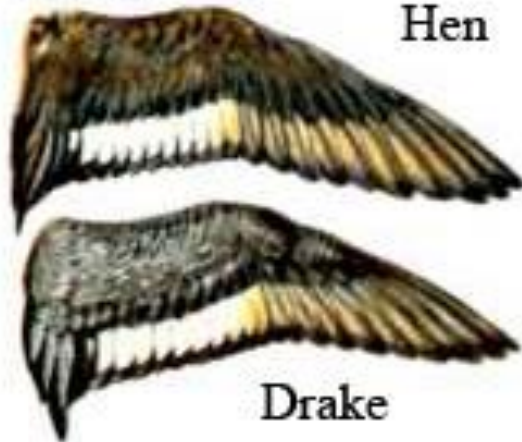
∞ Diving Duck

∞ Bluebill



Lesser

Hen



Drake



Ring-Necked Duck

∞ Diving Duck

∞ Ringbill

∞ Bill

∞ Blackjack





Bufflehead

∞ Diving Duck

∞ Butterball



Common Goldeneye

∞ Diving Duck

∞ Whistler



Hooded Merganser

∞ Diving Duck

∞ Fish duck

∞ Sawbill

∞ Hoods



Canada Goose

∞ Honkers



Snow/Blue Goose

 Snows



 Blues







- ∞ Started in 1937
- ∞ Waterfowl & Wetland Conservation
 - Acreage conserved in Canada: 6,301,016
 - Acreage conserved in Mexico: 1,861,056
 - Acreage conserved in the U. S.: 4,531,563
- ∞ **Total Acreage Conserved in North America:
12,693,635**