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the small flocks fly erratically, twisting and turning like teal.

Greatest numbers occur in the Central and Pacific flyways.

Aquatic animal life forms a third of its diet.

Drakes call woh-woh and took-took; hens have a feeble quack.

WOOD DUCK

Found in all flyways; most numerous in the Mississippi flyway.

Frequents wooded streams and ponds; perches in trees.

Flies through thick timber with speed and ease, and feeds readily on acorns, berries, and grapes on the forest floor.

Flight is swift and direct; flocks are usually small.

Drakes have a hoo-w-ett, often in flight; hens have a cr-r-ek when frightened.

GREAT SCAUP

Flock movement is rapid, in fairly compact formation; over feeding areas they normally fly under hundred-foot altitude. The wings produce a loud rustling sound.

Longer light strip showing through the wing is the best way to distinguish from the lesser scaup in the air.

Frequents the largest bodies of water, where it rafts up during the day.

Drakes utter a discordant scaup, scaup; hens are usually silent.

COMMON GOLDENEYE

Distinctive wing-whistling

sound in flight has earned the name of Whistlers.

Active, strong-winged fliers, moving in small flocks, often high in the air. Exceedingly wary. Large numbers winter in Great Lakes and both seacoasts.

Barrow's Goldeneye, predominantly a westerner, differs mainly in the white crescent in front of the eye.

Drakes have a piercing speer-speer; hens a low quack. Both are usually quiet.

REDHEAD

Ranges coast to coast, often found with canvasback. On migration, large flocks travel in V's; in feeding areas, flocks fly in irregular formations. Movements in the air always seem to be hurried.

Usually spends the day in the large rafts in deep water; feeds morning and evening in more shallow sections.

Drakes purr and meow; hens have a loud squawk, higher than mallard hen's.

CANVASBACK

Extremely powerful fliers, migrating in lines and irregular V's; in feeding areas, compact flocks fly in indefinite formation. Wing beat is rapid and noisy. Normally late migrants.

On the water, body size and head shape distinguish them from scaups and redheads.

Drakes croak, peep, and growl; hens quack, similar to a mallard hen.

HOODED MERGANSER

Often seen in pairs, or very small flocks.

The birds are graceful fliers, give an impression of great speed.

Flushes straight up or patters along water.

Wing strokes are short, rapid; the wings appear to blur.

Seldom goes to salt water; wintering grounds are the inland waters in all coastal states.

Only call is a series of coarse grunts.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

Flight is very similar to common mergansers, but drakes show far less conspicuous white.

Juveniles and many adult drakes resemble hens during migration, for adult males grow out of eclipse plumage late.

Winter principally along both

coasts, as well as Gulf of Mexico. Voice; croaks, seldom heard.

COMMON MERGANSER

Strong fliers; the flight is swift and direct, low over the water, often in "follow the leader" line.

A very large duck; drakes show more white than any other species.

Winters from ice-free water in the north to the coastal waters of the Southern States.

The only call seems to be a startled croak.

SPECIES WITH LIMITED RANGES

These birds: Harlequin, Old-squaw, Fulvous Tree Duck, Surf Scoter, Common Scoter, White-Winged Scoter, Black-bellied

Tree Duck and Common Eider; except the tree ducks, are primarily of the sea.

Harlequins go a little further south than Long Island and Puget Sound and north to Alaska. Old-squaws have essentially the same range, plus the Great Lakes.

Fulvous tree ducks are beginning to spread into the east from Louisiana west to California, while the black-bellied is still restricted to Texas.

Scoter hunting is heaviest in New England, where all three species are locally known as "coots." Some flocks migrate along the coast as far as the Carolinas on the Atlantic and lower California on the Pacific.

Common eiders are only in the North Atlantic, but related forms occur in the northwest and Alaska.

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Waddell's Waterfowl Hunts is based in Eagle Lake

Waddell's Waterfowl Hunts take place in Eagle Lake, 60 miles west of Houston and 150 miles east of San Antonio.

Davis Waddell, owner and guide, has lived and hunted this prairie land for over 40 years.

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Our guarantee to you, the hunter, is to have an enjoyable hunting experience on some of the most productive hunting grounds in Texas.

My objective is to show you a memorable and enjoyable hunting experience.


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Prairie Waterfowl Hunts

Hunting the Eagle Lake and Garwood Prairies in Texas



Available Guided Hunts:

- ✓ **Goose & Duck:**
 - *Guide, Dog, Decoys and Parkas Furnished
 - *Minimum Four (4) Hunters
 - *Monday through Friday: **\$125 per person**
 - *Weekends: **\$125 per person**
- ✓ **Teal:**
 - *Camouflage attire suggested
 - *Guide and Decoys Furnished
 - *Minimum three (3) hunters
 - *Monday through Friday & Weekends **\$75 per person**
- ✓ **Pheasant & Chukar:**
 - *Afternoon only
 - *Minimum three (3) hunters (if less, same charge)
 - *5 Pheasant: **\$125**
 - *8 Chukar: **\$125**
 - *Combo/3 pheasant & 4 chukar: **\$150**
- ✓ **Sandhill Crane:**
 - *TPW permit required (No cost: 800-792-1112)
 - *Minimum three (3) hunters
 - *Monday through Friday & Weekends **\$125**

General Information:

- ✓ **Suggested Clothing:**
 - *Rubber Boots, Waders
 - *Camouflage Clothing
 - *Cold Weather Clothing
 - *Rain Gear
- ✓ **Transportation:**
 - *Your responsibility
- ✓ **Accommodations:**
 - *Available in Eagle Lake
 - *Made upon your request
- ✓ **Guns & Ammo:**
 - *Steel shot only
 - *Available in Eagle Lake
 - *Bring your favorite gun
 - *12 gauge and larger suggested
- ✓ **Sporting Goods:**
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- ✓ **Reservations**
 - *Make in advance
 - *Confirmed with 50% deposit
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 - 409-758-4193 (Mobile)
 - 713-604-1411 (Pager)
- ✓ **Cancellation Policy:**
 - *30 Day notice (100% refund)
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- ✓ **Licenses:**
 - *TEXAS RESIDENTS:
 - *License
 - *State Stamp
 - *Federal Stamp
 - *OUT OF STATE
 - *Five (5) Day Permit
 - *State Stamp
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