

Ducks

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, Oldsquaw, 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. Oldsquaws have es-

entially 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

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Davis is the third generation of Waddell hunters and feels confident with his knowledge and experience of waterfowl to produce top quality hunts.

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Davis Waddell

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water, emerging only enough to show their head or bill tip before submerging again.

Their diets of fish, shellfish, mollusks, and aquatic plants make them second choice, as a group, for sportsmen. Canvasbacks and redheads fattened on eel grass or wild celery are notable exceptions.

Since their wings are small in proportion to the size or weight of their bodies, they have a rapid wing beat in comparison with puddle ducks.

PUDDLE DUCKS

Puddle ducks are typically birds of fresh, shallow marshes and rivers rather than of large lakes and bays. They are good divers, but usually feed by dabbling or tipping rather than submerging.

The speculum, or colored wing patch, is generally iridescent and (See Ducks, Page 14)

Carolinas on the Atlantic and lower California on the Pacific.

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

DIVING DUCKS

Diving ducks frequent the larger, deeper lakes and rivers, and coastal bays and inlets.

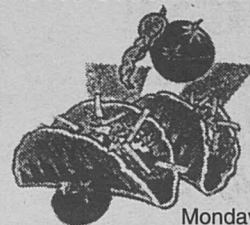
The colored wing patches of these birds lack the brilliance of the speculums of puddle ducks, but are still important field marks in most species. Since most of them have short tails, their huge, paddle feet may be used as rudders in flight, and are often visible on flying birds. When launching into flight, most of this group patter along the water before becoming airborne.

They feed by diving, often to considerable depths. To escape danger, they can travel great distances under-

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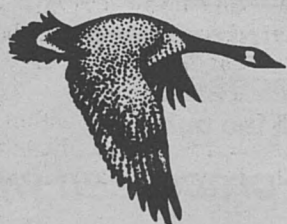


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