



To help new hunters learn how to identify ducks, a free, illustrated field guide, "Know Your Ducks," in revised form is again being supplied by Fish and Wildlife Service this fall. In the guide are shown the dabbling and diving ducks which are sought by American hunters. The special markings which help identify the drakes and hens of species are pointed out. Copies of the field guide may be secured from regional offices or wildlife field stations of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Regional Offices are located at Portland, Oregon; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Atlanta, Georgia; Boston, Massachusetts; and Juneau, Alaska.

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Note to Editors: Attached are clip sheet of illustrations of different ducks from the "Know Your Ducks" field guide for hunters and also a copy of the cartoon-poster developed by the Service to call attention to the special campaign to save female ducks to nest and raise broods next year.

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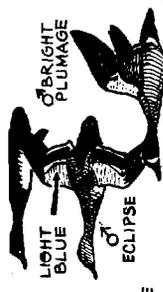
PUDDLE DUCKS FREQUENT SHALLOW MARSHES, PONDS, CREEKS, AND RIVERS; OFTEN FEED IN CORN AND GRAIN FIELDS



### GREEN-WINGED TEAL

HEN & ECLIPSE DRAKE: BROWN.  
BRIGHT PLUMAGE DRAKE - GREEN AND RED HEAD, GRAY BODY.

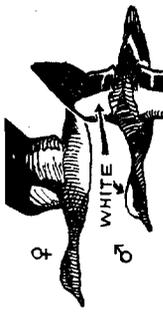
SWIFT, ERRATIC FLIGHT, OFTEN LOW OVER THE MARSH. LARGE FLOCKS WHEEL AS ONE UNIT. OUR SMALLEST DUCK.



### BLUE-WINGED TEAL

HEN & ECLIPSE DRAKE: BROWN.  
BRIGHT PLUMAGE DRAKE - BLACK HEAD, WHITE CRESCENT GRAY-BROWN BODY

FAST, TWISTING FLIGHT. STRIKING BLUE PATCH ON WINGS. EARLY MIGRANT.



### WIDGEON

HEN: BROWN; GRAY HEAD  
DRAKE: BROWN; GRAY HEAD, WHITE CROWN

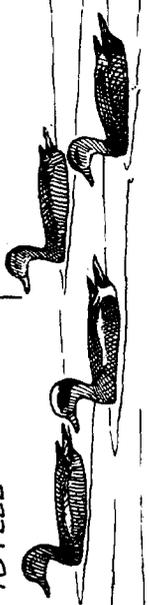
WHITE FOREWING OF BOTH SEXES VISIBLE FROM AFAR. EASILY ALARMED-QUICK TO FLEE



### GADWALL

HEN: BROWN  
DRAKE: GRAY BODY, BLACK RUMP, WHITE BELLY

WHITE SPECULUM IS BEST FIELD MARK. FAST FLIERS IN SMALL, COMPACT FLOCK.



### WOOD DUCK

HEN: DARK BROWN  
DRAKE: BLACK BACK, WHITE BELLY, WHITE CHIN.

BILL USUALLY POINTED DOWN; HEAD OFTEN TWISTED FROM SIDE TO SIDE. FLIGHT IS FAST, DIRECT.



Birdlines



### MALLARD

HEN: BROWN  
DRAKE: GREEN HEAD; BROWN BREAST; GRAY-WHITE BODY.

ONE OF OUR LARGEST DUCKS. THE WHITE UNDERWING IS VISIBLE A LONG WAY.



### BLACK DUCK

BROWN HEAD; BLACK BODY.

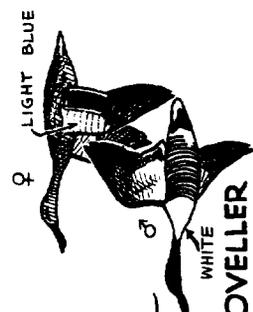
BLACK BODY AND WHITE UNDERWING ARE POSITIVE FIELD MARKS. OUR WARIEST DUCK.



### PINTAIL

HEN: BROWN  
DRAKE: BROWN-HEAD, GRAY BODY, BLACK RUMP

WHITE BELLY OF DRAKE - LONG, SLENDER NECKS AND POINTED TAILS OF BOTH SEXES ARE GOOD FIELD MARKS.



### SHOVELLER

HEN: BROWN  
DRAKE: DARK GREEN HEAD, BROWN BELLY AND FLANKS.

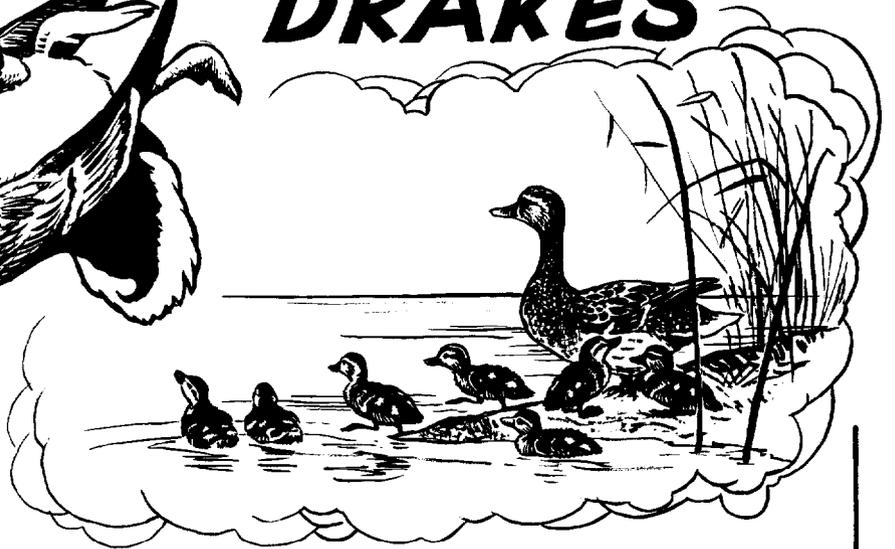
BLUE WING PATCH, LARGE SHOVEL BILL, AND DRAKE'S CONTRASTING COLORS ARE EASILY SEEN. FLOCKS SMALL; FLIGHT ERRATIC.

♀: HEN  
♂: DRAKE

***HUNTERS - Make this choice!***



***SHOOT ONLY  
DRAKES***



***SPARE THE HENS  
TO NEST NEXT YEAR***

***- And help bring back  
the ducks***

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DIVING DUCKS FREQUENT OPEN WATER IN BAYS, LAKES, WIDE RIVERS, OR THE OCEAN; SELDOM COME ASHORE



### REDHEADS

HEN: BROWN; GRAY WINGS  
 DRAKE: RED HEAD, BLACK BREAST AND RUMP, GRAY BODY.

OFTEN TRAVELS WITH "CANS," BUT IS GRAYER, HAS BLUISH BILL.



### CANVASBACK

HEN: GRAYISH  
 DRAKE: RED HEAD, BLACK BREAST AND RUMP, WHITE BODY

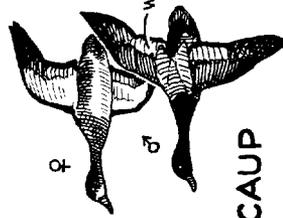
POWERFUL, FAST FLIER, IN V-FLOCKS OR WAVY LINES. THE SLOPING PROFILE IS DISTINCTIVE.



### HOODED MERGANSER

HEN: DARK GRAY  
 DRAKE: BLACK AND WHITE; BROWNISH FLANKS

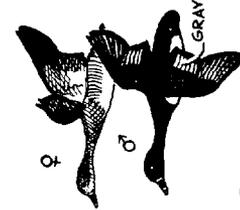
OFTEN FLIES IN BUNCHED FLOCKS. OTHER MERGANSERS FLY IN LINES.



### SCAUP

HEN: BROWN  
 DRAKE: "BLACK ON EACH END - WHITE IN THE MIDDLE!"

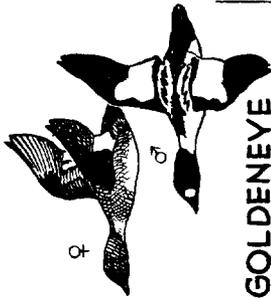
ALSO CALLED "BLUE-BILLS" OR "BROADBILLS," SWIFT AND ERRATIC FLIERS.



### RINGNECK

HEN: BROWN; GRAY WINGS  
 DRAKE: BLACK, GRAY, AND WHITE.

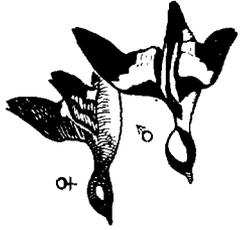
"BLACKJACKS" TRAVEL IN GROUPS OF 6-12, FLY SWIFTLY, ALIGHT WITHOUT CIRCLING.



### GOLDENEYE

HEN: BROWN HEAD, GRAY BODY  
 DRAKE: BLACK AND WHITE

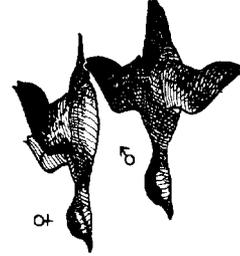
"WHISTLE" IN FLIGHT, A SOUND AUDIBLE FOR SOME DISTANCE.



### BUFFLEHEAD

HEN: DARK GRAY AND WHITE  
 DRAKE: BLACK AND WHITE

ONE OF OUR SMALLEST DUCKS. USUALLY IN VERY SMALL FLOCKS.



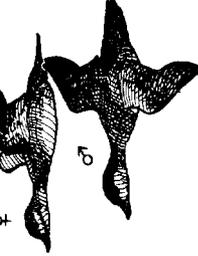
### RUDDY

HEN: GRAY  
 DRAKE: GRAY; WHITE CHEEKS.

WILL OFTEN DIVE RATHER THAN FLY. LIGHT CHEEK PATCH IS A TELLTALE MARK



### OLD SQUAW



### SURF SCOTER



### AMERICAN SCOTER



### WHITE-WINGED SCOTER



### AMERICAN MERGANSER



### RED-BREASTED MERGANSER



♀: HEN  
 ♂: DRAKE