

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*



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**Habitat**

- Breeds in ponds and marshes.
- Winters in shallow coastal areas as well as marshes.

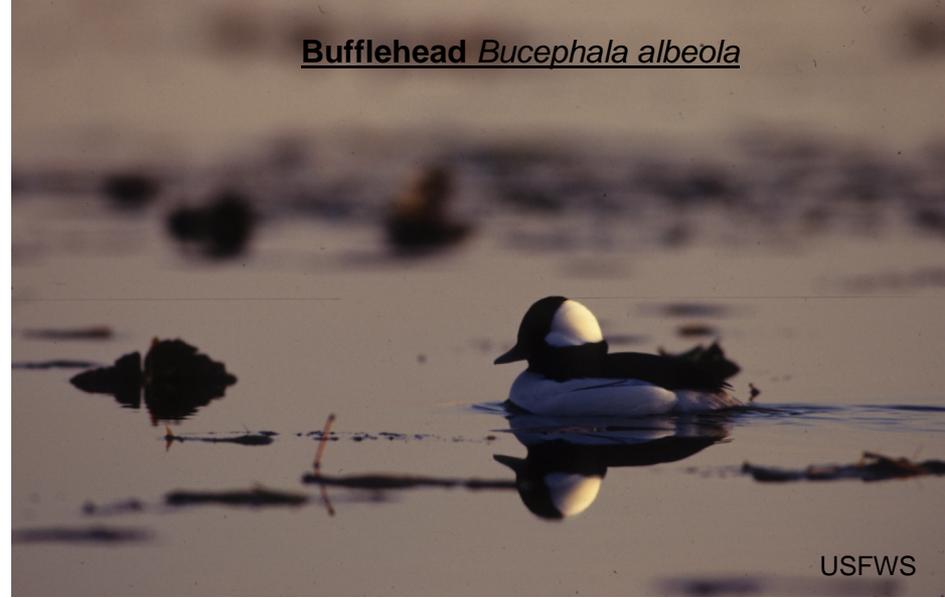
**Breeding**

- Lays 6-10 eggs.
- Incubation is 24 days
- Ducklings can fly in 42-49 days.

**Appearance**

- Ruddy ducks are small.
- The male's most prominent feature during breeding is the blue bill.
- Both the male and female have white cheeks and rusty red sides.
- The male has a black head while the female's is a duller brown.

**Bufflehead** *Bucephala albeola*



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**Habitat**

- Breeds on wooded ponds or marshes.
- Winters in saltwater bays, but can often be found in some of the larger ponds on the Refuge.

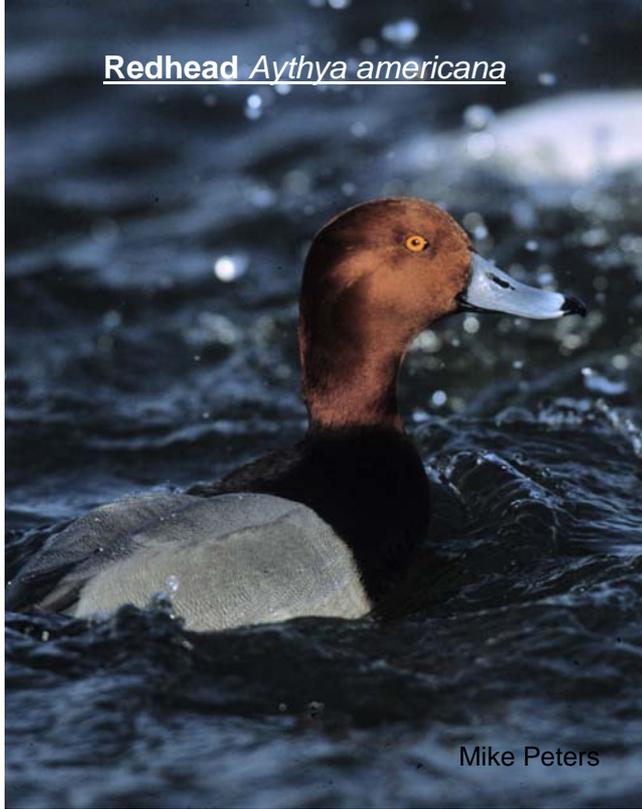
**Breeding**

- Cavity nesters that tend to use old flicker holes
- Lays 8-12 eggs
- Incubation is 29 days.
- Ducklings can fly in 50-55 days

**Appearance**

- Buffleheads are fairly small black and white ducks.
- Males have a large white wedge on their heads, while the females have a white cheek patch.

Redhead *Aythya americana*



Mike Peters

**Habitat**

- Breeds on marshes.
- Winters on saltwater.

**Breeding**

- Lays 10-15 eggs.
- Incubation is 24 days.
- Ducklings can fly in 56-73 days.

**Appearance**

- Like its name the male redhead's head is red.
- Males have a bluish bill, gold eyes, a black chest and rump, and gray body.
- Female are a lighter brown all over with a grayer bill.



Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*

Mike Peters

**Habitat**

- "Cans" are found on marshes, bays, and lakes.

**Breeding**

- Lays 7-9 eggs, but redhead and ruddy ducks quite often will dump eggs in canvasback nests.
- Incubation is 24-27 days.
- Ducklings can fly in 10-12 weeks.

**Appearance**

- The male canvasback differs some from the redhead it has a darker red head, a very large black bill, red eyes, and a whiter body.
- Like the redhead though, the canvasback has a black chest and rump.
- Females have a copper-tan head, white body, and the same large black bill as the male.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*



**Habitat**

- The ring-necked duck found most commonly on wooded ponds, lakes, and rivers and only on saltwater in the southern United States.

**Breeding**

- Lays 6-12 eggs.
- Incubation is 26 days.
- Ducklings can fly in 49-56 days.

**Appearance**

- The male is mostly black.
- The female is a duller brown.
- Both have gray sides, yellow eyes and a white ring around the grayish bill .