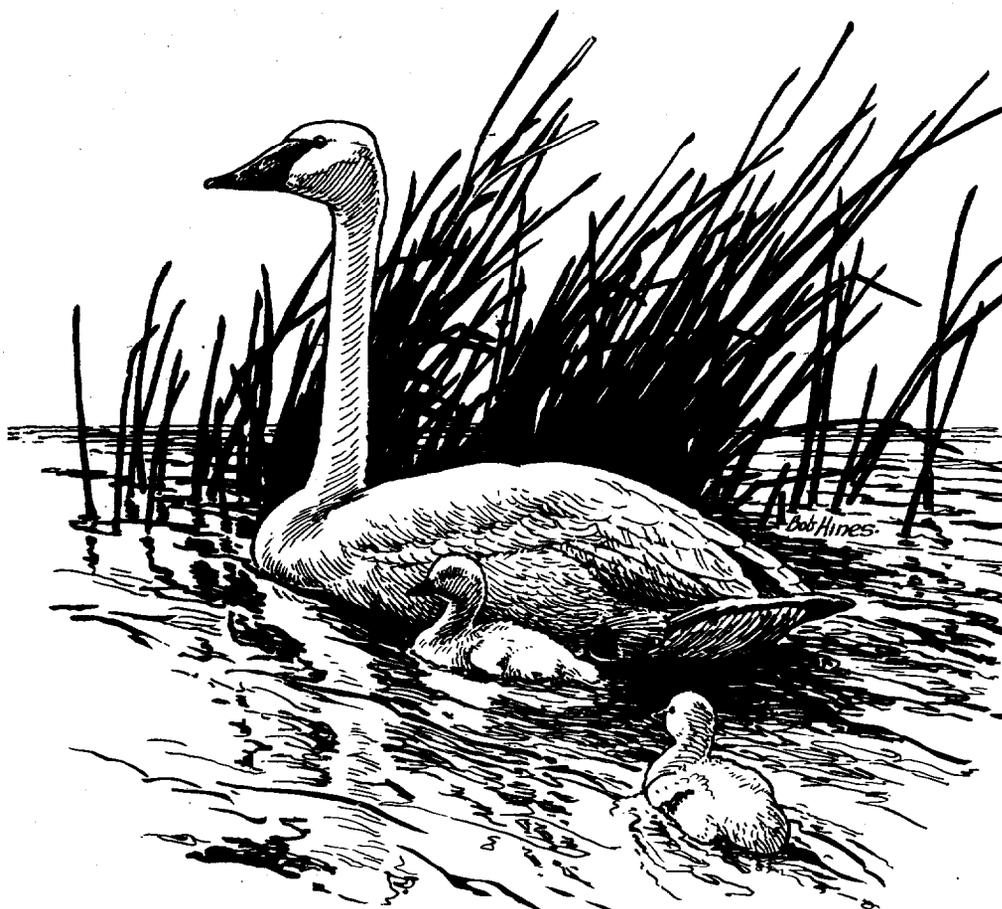


established the 40,000-acre Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in southwest Montana, and Federal protection was extended to the swan. It still cannot be hunted legally.

The refuge includes a wilderness marsh of 15,000 acres and is the largest single breeding ground for the species. New populations were started on other refuges by transplanting swans from Red Rock Lakes.

The primary breeding range of the trumpeter lies within a 60-mile radius of West Yellowstone, Mont. The Red Rock Lakes-Yellowstone population winters near the breeding grounds. The principal winter range is the North Fork of the Snake River and its tributaries in northeast Idaho. Red Rock Lakes and the Yellowstone National Park also provide wintering habitat where warm springs keep waters open and food available in winter.



Trumpeter swan and cygnets