

## Colorado Waterfowl Fact Sheet

Common Name	Scientific Name	Spring Migration	Fall Migration	Nesting	Incubation (days)	Clutch Size (# eggs)	Plant/Animal Food (% annual diet)	Plant Foods	Animal Foods	Water Depth*	Colorado Activities
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## Geese

Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Feb-Mar	Oct-Dec	March-May	28	4-7(5)	100/0	G,GR,L		0-4	BR,M,W,R
Snow goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	Mar-Apr	Oct-Dec		23	2-10(4)	100/0	G,GR,B,SG		0-4	M-E,W-AR,

## Dabbling Ducks

											Inches
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mar-Apr	Oct-Nov	May-June	26-27	10-12	90/10	G,S,P,B,Gr	I,C	<10	BR,M,W,R
Green-winged teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Mar-Apr	Sept-Nov	mid-May	21-23	10-12	85/15	P,B,S,Gr,SG	I,M,C	<10	BR-MP,M,W-SW
Blue-winged teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	April	Sept-Oct	May-June	21-23	8-12	70-75/30-25	GR,P,B,S	I,M	<10	BR,M,R
Cinnamon teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	Mar-Apr	Sept-Oct	Apr-Aug	22	11-12	70-80/30-20	B,P,GR,SG	I,M	<10	BR,M,R
Northern shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Mar-May	Sept-Nov	Apr-June	21-23	10-12	75-25	B,P,GR,SG	I,M,C,Z	<10	BR,M,R,W-PR,SW,AR
Northern pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Mar-Apr	late Nov	Apr-May	22-23	6-12	85-90/15-10	B,S,P,GR,G	M,C,I	<10	BR, M,R
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Mar-Apr	Oct-Nov	May-June	28	8-11	95-98/5-2	P,GR,B	M,I	<10	BR,M,R,W-PR,SW,AR
American wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	Mar-Apr	Sept-Nov		24-25	9-12	90/10	P,B,GR	M,I,C	varies	BR,M,R
Wood duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Mar-Apr	Sep-Nov	Mar-June	28-37(30)	10-15(12)	90-98/10-2	MA,G,P	I	<10	BR-PR,AR,CR;W,M,R

## Diving Ducks

											Feet
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Feb-Apr	Oct-Nov	Apr-May	23-29(24)	7-12(9.5)	80/20	P,GR,SG,B	I,M,C,F	>1	M,W-EF
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	Mar-Apr	Sep-Oct	May-July	24	10-12	90/10	P,A,B,W	I,M	shallow	R-MP,M
Ring-necked	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Mar-Apr	Sep-Nov	May	25-29(26)	5-14(9)	75-80/25-20	P,W,SG,A,S	I,M,C	1-6	BR-MP,M,W-WS,EF
Lesser scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Feb-May	Oct-Dec	May-July	21-27(25)	8-10.5(9)	60/40	B,GR,S,P	I,M,C	10-25	BR-MP,M,R-MP,W-WS,EP
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	late Feb-Apr	Oct-Dec	Apr-May	29-31	5-17(9)	20/80	P,B	I,M,C,F	4-15	BR-NP,M,W
Common goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Mar-Apr	Oct-Dec	Apr-May	28-32(30)	5-15(9)	25/75	P,B	M,C,I,F	10-20	M,W
Common merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Feb-Apr	Nov-Dec	Apr-May	28-35	9-12	0/100		F	1-5	BR-WS,M,W,R-WS,MP
Ruddy duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Feb-Apr	Sep-Nov	May-June	30	5-15(8)	75/25	P,B	I,M,C	2-10	BR,M

\* Optimal feeding depth

Key to foods: G=Cereal Grains, GR=Grass, L=Legumes, B=Bulrush, S=Smartweed, P=Pondweed, SG=Sedges, A=Algae, MA=Mast, W=water lilies, M=Mollusks, I=Insects, C=Crustaceans, Z=Zooplankton, F=Fish

Key to Activities: M=migration, BR=breeding/nesting, W=wintering, R=summer resident

Activity Modifiers: E=Eastern Plains, AR=Lower Arkansas River, MP=mountain parks,SLV=San Luis Valley, NP=North Park, PR=Lower Platte River, Lower Colorado River, SW=Southwest Colorado, WS=West Slope, EF=Eastern Foothills

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