

*Spectacled Eider*



*King Eider*



*Steller's Eider*



*Common Eider*



*Long-tailed Duck*



*Harlequin Duck*



## ***King Eider***

### ***Somateria spectabilis***

One of the larger sea ducks but smaller, overall, than the Common Eider and with a smaller bill.

They have a circumpolar range.

Weight: 3.7 lbs

Description: Male has a distinctive large orange knob above its reddish-orange bill during breeding. It has a beautiful blue head with light green feathers around the eye, a white breast and a black rear.



Females are tawny brown with a dark bill and a slight upturn at the edge of the bill resembling a "grin."



## ***Spectacled Eider***

### ***Somateria fisheri***

A larger sea duck but smaller than the Common and King Eider. Flight is low over the sea.

Weight: 3.25 lbs

Description: Males have distinctive white "goggles" around the eyes and a pale green head. Their bills are bright orange.



Females have light brown "goggles" around the eye and are tawny brown like the other eiders. Their bills are a grey blue.



## ***Common Eider***

### ***Somateria mollissima***

Weight: 5.7 lbs

Description: Largest duck in North America. They have thick necks, a heavy body and fly low over the water. Both males and females have a sloping head profile. They have longer bills than the other eiders and a more wedge shaped head.

Males are distinctively black and white with a black cap on the top of their head.



Females are russet brown with a barred pattern on most of their body.



## ***Steller's Eider***

### ***Polysticta stelleri***

Weight: 1.94 lbs

Description: Smallest and fastest flying of the eiders. Square head and longer tail.

Males are very colorful with a white head, black eye spot and chestnut breast and belly. They have a black collar, blue-black wing feathers, a black rump and a dark brown long tail.

The females are a dark brown with mottled feathers, with a touch of blue on the wing feathers and a grey bill.

## ***Harlequin Duck***

### ***Histrionicus histrionicus***

Weight: 1.44 lbs

Description: Small sea duck that likes fast flowing streams. They have a small bill and a thick neck. At a distance they look black, like scoters, but are not found in large flocks.

Males are very colorful with a slate blue body, white stripes and spots, and a chestnut color on their head and side. They have a circular white spot behind the eye and a blue-grey bill.



Females are basically black-brown with a mottled grey on the breast. They have a distinctive white spot behind their eye.



## ***Long-tailed Duck***

### ***Clangula hyemalis***

Weight: 2.22 lbs

Description: Resembles a pintail but without the long neck. Swift flyers that twist and turn in flight. They are the best diving ducks. They are very vocal.

Males have a pinkish "saddle" on their black bill. They have a distinctive long upward sweeping tail during breeding season. They have a dark breast in both winter and summer plumage.



Females do not have the long tail feathers. Their bill is all grey. They have a white face and are mostly black-brown with a white underbelly.



*Surf Scoter*



*Black Scoter*



*White-winged Scoter*



*Barrow's Goldeneye*



*Common Merganser*



*Red-breasted Merganser*



## ***Black Scoter*** ***Melanitta nigra***

Weight: 2.1 lbs

Description: Also known as the Common Scoter. It is entirely black except for a yellow knob on its black bill and a light grey on the flight feathers.

Males and females closely resemble each other, except the female lacks the yellow on her bill. Both have dark feet and brown eyes.

They are very vocal.

Scoters run along the water while trying to take off.



## ***Surf Scoter*** ***Melanitta perspicillata***

Weight: 2.1 lbs

Description: Almost entirely black sea duck with a distinctive white patch on the forehead and behind the head. Bill is orange with white patch near the nostrils, a large black spot on each side, and a reddish tinge on the top.

Males and females are similar in coloring, except the females lack the bill knob but do have the dark spot near the base.

Less vocal than other scoters.



## ***Barrow's Goldeneye*** ***Bucephala islandica***

Weight: 2.1 lbs

Description: Barrow's and Commons are very hard to tell apart in flight. Both species have yellow eyes. The Barrow's head is rounder while the Common's head is peaked. Barrow's has a purplish gloss to their head, while Common's is greenish.

The Barrow's has a distinctive white crescent patch on its head near the bill. The black on its head extends down the back and rump, with white spots on the wing and a white underbelly.

## ***White-winged Scoter*** ***Melanitta deglandi***

Weight: 3.7 lbs

Description: This is the largest scoter. Like Black Scoters they are all black except for a distinctive white eye patch resembling a teardrop over each eye and a white wing patch. Males have white eyes, females have brown eyes. They have an orange bill with a black knob near their nostril. Females have a dark bill with a smaller knob.

Whistling sounds of the wings can be heard from far away.

## ***Red-breasted Merganser*** ***Mergus serrator***

Weight: 2.3 lbs

Description: Smaller than the Common Merganser. Males and females have characteristic "wild hair" head feathers. Males have a green head, and red eyes.

Females have a reddish-brown head, reddish eye and no distinct white patch under their throat, unlike the Common Merganser.

They are a sleek duck with a long bill designed for catching fish. The edges of the bill are serrated.

## ***Common Merganser*** ***Mergus merganser***

Weight: 3.4 lbs

Description: Larger and heavier than the Red-breasted Merganser; with a smoother head shape. Males have a dark greenish head and a white body. Females have a brown head with a short crest and a grey body with a small white patch near the neck. Can be found in rivers and streams during breeding.