

Brant

Branta bernicla

An abundant small goose of the ocean shores, the Brant breeds in the high Arctic tundra and winters along both coasts. The Brant along the Atlantic have light gray bellies, while those off the Pacific Coast have black bellies and were at one time considered a separate species.

Keys to Identification

Adult Description

- Medium to small goose
- Black head, neck and chest
- White, partly broken collar

Immature Description

- Similar to adult, but without white collar and with white scaling on back.



Cool Facts

- The oldest recorded Brant was a female, and was over 27 years, 6 months old. It had been banded in Alaska and was found in Washington.

Measurements

Both Sexes

- Length - 22 - 26 inches
- Weight - 42.3 - 63.5 ounces