

# Canvasback

*Aythya valisineria*

A large diving duck, the Canvasback breeds in prairie potholes and winters on ocean bays. Its sloping profile distinguishes it from other ducks.

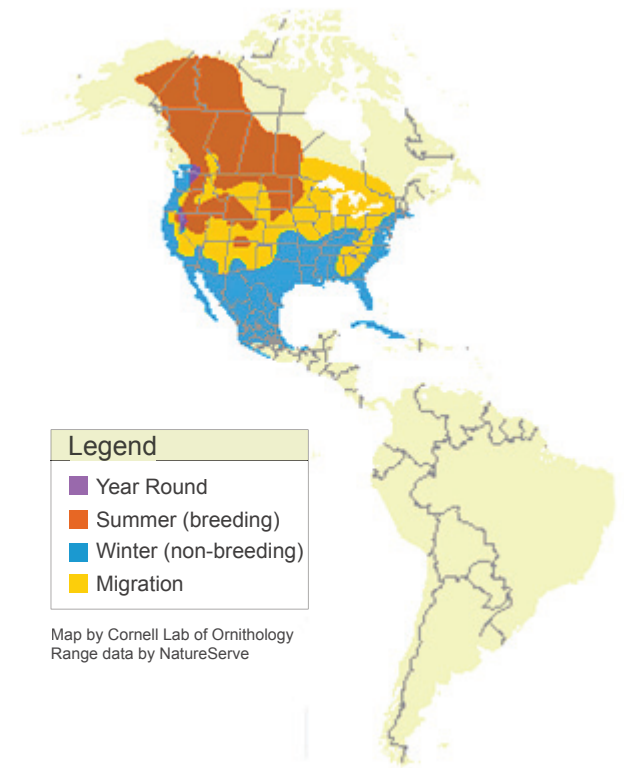
## Keys to Identification

### Adult Description

- Large, sleek duck.
- Long sloping profile.
- Male with rusty head, white body and black chest and rear end.

### Immature Description

Similar to adult female.



## Cool Facts

- The species name of the Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria*, comes from *Vallisneria americana*, or wild celery, whose winter buds and rhizomes are its preferred food during the nonbreeding period.

## Measurements

### Both Sexes

- Length - 18.9 - 22.5 inches
- Wingspan - 31.1 - 35 inches
- Weight - 30.4 - 56 ounces