

Greater White-fronted Goose

Anser albifrons

Breeding across the tundra from Nunavut to Siberia, across Russia, and in Greenland, the Greater White-fronted Goose has one of the largest ranges of any species of goose in the world. In North America, however, it is common only west of the Mississippi River, where it is found in large flocks in wetlands and croplands.

Keys to Identification

Adult Description

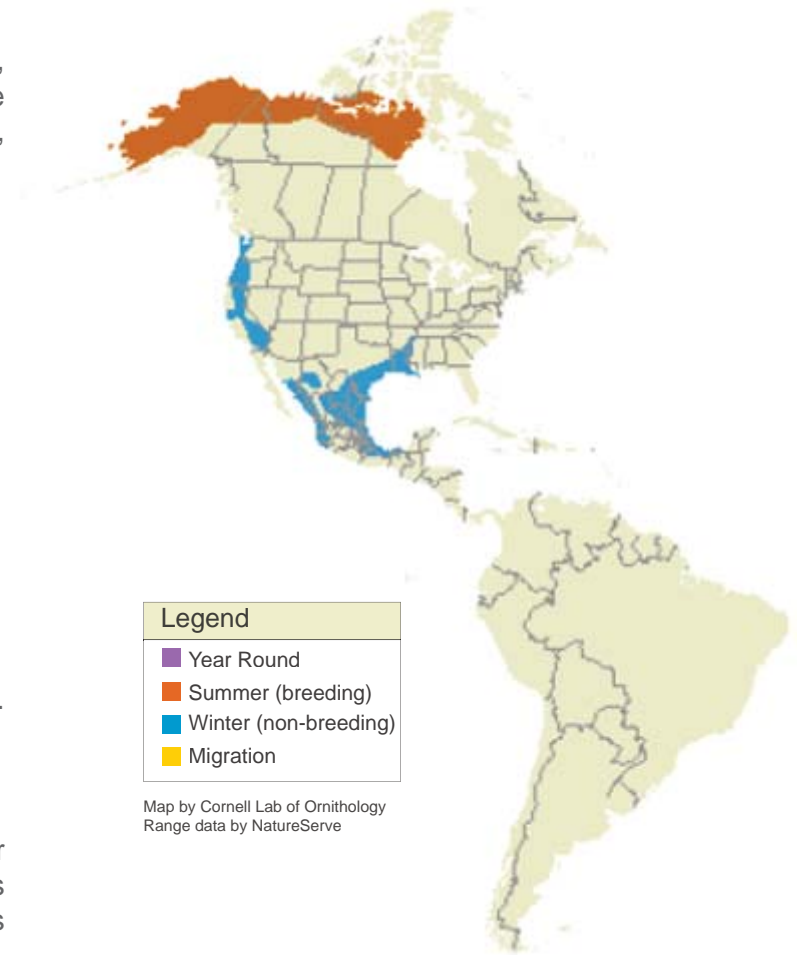
- Medium-sized goose.
- Body gray-brown.
- Forehead and base of bill white.
- Bill pinkish or orange.
- Variable amount of black mottling on belly.

Immature Description

Slightly smaller and lighter than adult. Lacks white forehead and black belly marks. Bill light pinkish. Legs yellow-orange

Cool Facts

- As is true of many geese, Greater White-fronted Goose pairs stay together for years and migrate together, along with their offspring. White-front family bonds can last longer than in most geese, and some young stay with their parents through the next breeding season. Parent and sibling associations may continue throughout their lives. .



Measurements

Both Sexes

- Length - 25.2 - 31.9 inches
- Wingspan - 53.1 inches
- Weight - 68.8 - 116.8 ounces