

Green-winged Teal

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A very small, brightly patterned duck, the Green-winged Teal prefers shallow ponds with lots of emergent vegetation. Along the coast, it prefers tidal creeks, mudflats, and marshes to more open water.

Keys to Identification

Adult Description

- Small duck.
- Iridescent green patch in wings, with white stripe in front.
- Yellowish tail stripe.
- Male with white stripe up shoulder, dark reddish and green head.
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Immature Description

Similar to adult female.

Cool Facts

- The American and Eurasian forms of the Green-winged Teal were formerly considered different species. The Eurasian teal differ from the American by lacking the vertical white shoulder stripe and having a horizontal white stripe along the back instead. Eurasian teal show up casually each year along both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Measurements

Both Sexes

- Length - 12.2 - 15.4 inches
- Wingspan - 20.5 - 23.2 inches
- Weight - 4.9 - 17.6 ounces

