

## Redhead Male

*Aythya americana*

An aptly named diving duck, the Redhead can be easily identified by its bright red head and gray back. Many female Redheads make no nests of their own, but instead lay their eggs in the nests of other ducks.

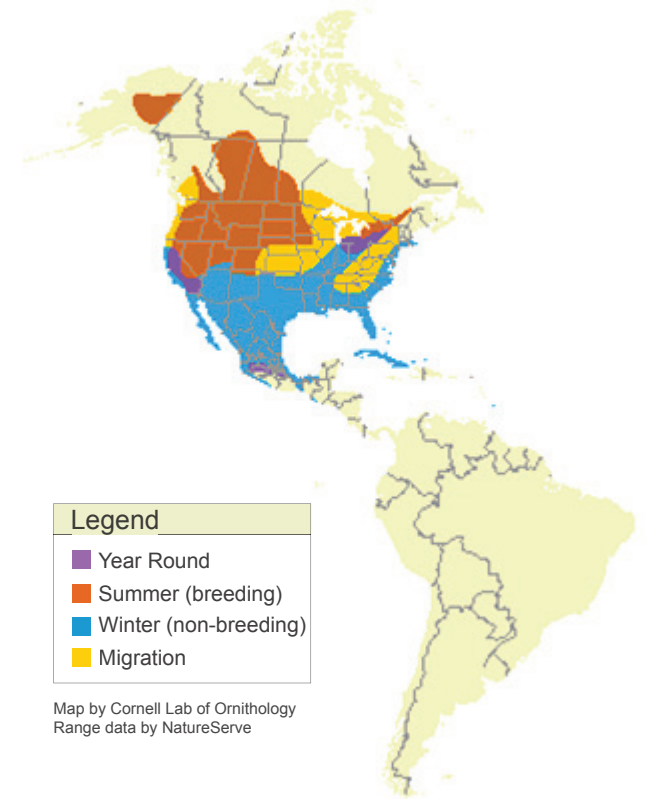
### Keys to Identification

#### Adult Description

- Medium-sized duck.
- Rounded head.
- Bill blue with black tip.
- Male with bright red head, gray back, and black chest and rear end.

#### Immature Description

Similar to adult female.



### Cool Facts

- The Redhead is known to lay eggs in the nests of other Redheads, at least 10 other duck species, and even nests of the American Bittern and Northern Harrier. Many parasitically laid eggs fail to hatch.

### Measurements

#### Both Sexes

- Length - 16.5 - 21.3 inches
- Wingspan - 29.5 - 31.1 inches
- Weight - 22.2 - 52.9 ounces