

Manitoba Important Bird Area Hudson Bay Shorebirds and Waterbirds

Black-bellied Plover



ID: 11.5". Black belly, face & bill; mottled white/grey back; short bill; back "armpits" seen in flight.

American Golden-Plover



ID: 10.5". Black belly, face & bill; brown mottled back & cap; short bill.

Killdeer



ID: 10.5". Brown back; white belly; double band across breast; dark legs; short, black bill. Call is a high, strident *kill-deer*.

Semipalmated Plover



ID: 7". Brown back; white belly, cheeks & forehead patch; yellow legs & bill with black tip (breeding); black neck ring & forehead; short bill.

Hudsonian Godwit



ID: 15". Long, upturned bill with black tip; black & white underwings; grey with black patterning all over; reddish chest during breeding.

Whimbrel



ID: 17.5". Only Manitoban species with long down-curved bill; relatively short grey legs; uniform grey-brown plumage; dark crown stripes.

Greater Yellowlegs



ID: 12". White underside; dark back with white speckling; long yellow legs; medium-long yellow bill with pale base & subtle up-turn. Call is a loud *deew deew deew*, repeated 3 to 4 times.

Lesser Yellowlegs



ID: 9". Smaller than Greater Yellowlegs; straighter, more sharply pointed bill. Call is one or two short whistles, *too-too*.

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher



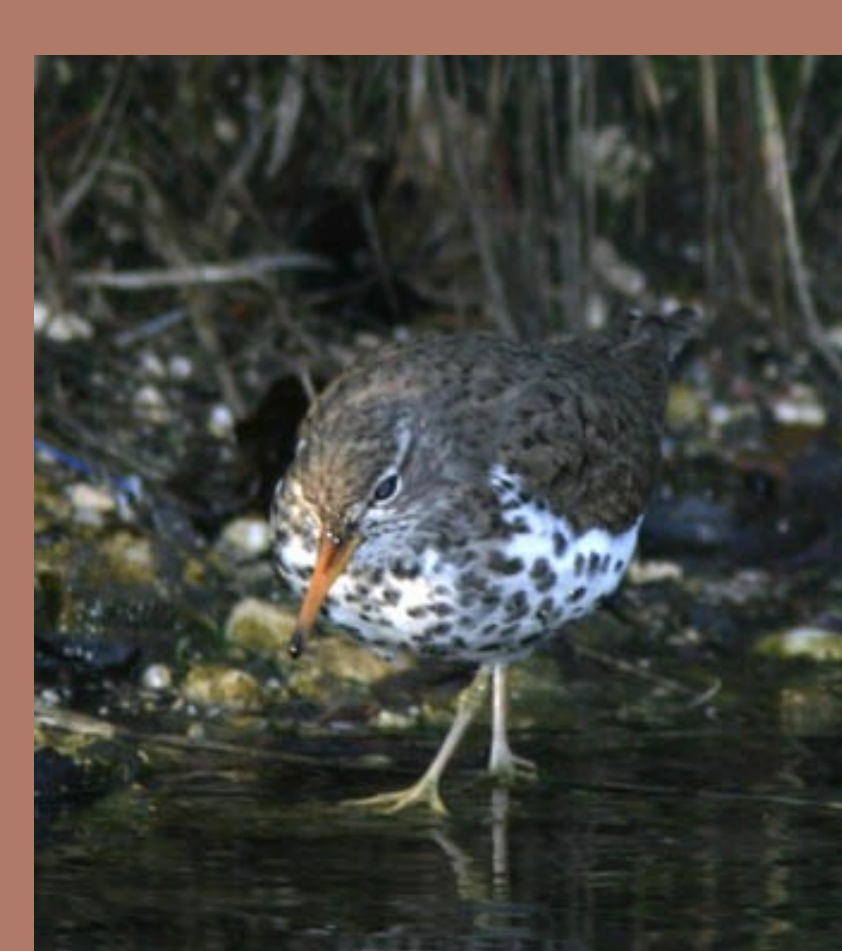
ID: 11". Long bill; long, pale legs; buff with dark patterning all over. These two species are very similar. Long-billed call is a sharp *keek* (sometimes repeated). Short-billed a liquid, rapid *kewtutu*.

Solitary Sandpiper



ID: 8.5". White belly; dark back with white spots; notable eye ring; straight bill; greenish-yellow legs.

Spotted Sandpiper



ID: 7.5". White chest with brown spotting during breeding; brown back & cap; yellow legs & bill; medium bill.

Ruddy Turnstone



ID: 7.5". Stocky; short, dark bill; short, orange legs; black & white clown-like face; bright reddish sides in breeding plumage.

Red Knot



ID: 9.5". Short dark bill and legs; red head and breast during breeding (grey rest of year); brown-grey patterned back; white rump.

Stilt Sandpiper



ID: 8.5". Long greenish legs; long neck; medium-long bill with drooped tip; heavily barred breeding plumage; chestnut cheek patch.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper



ID: 7.5". Short black bill; long yellow legs; buff plumage; brown patterned back; dove-like head.

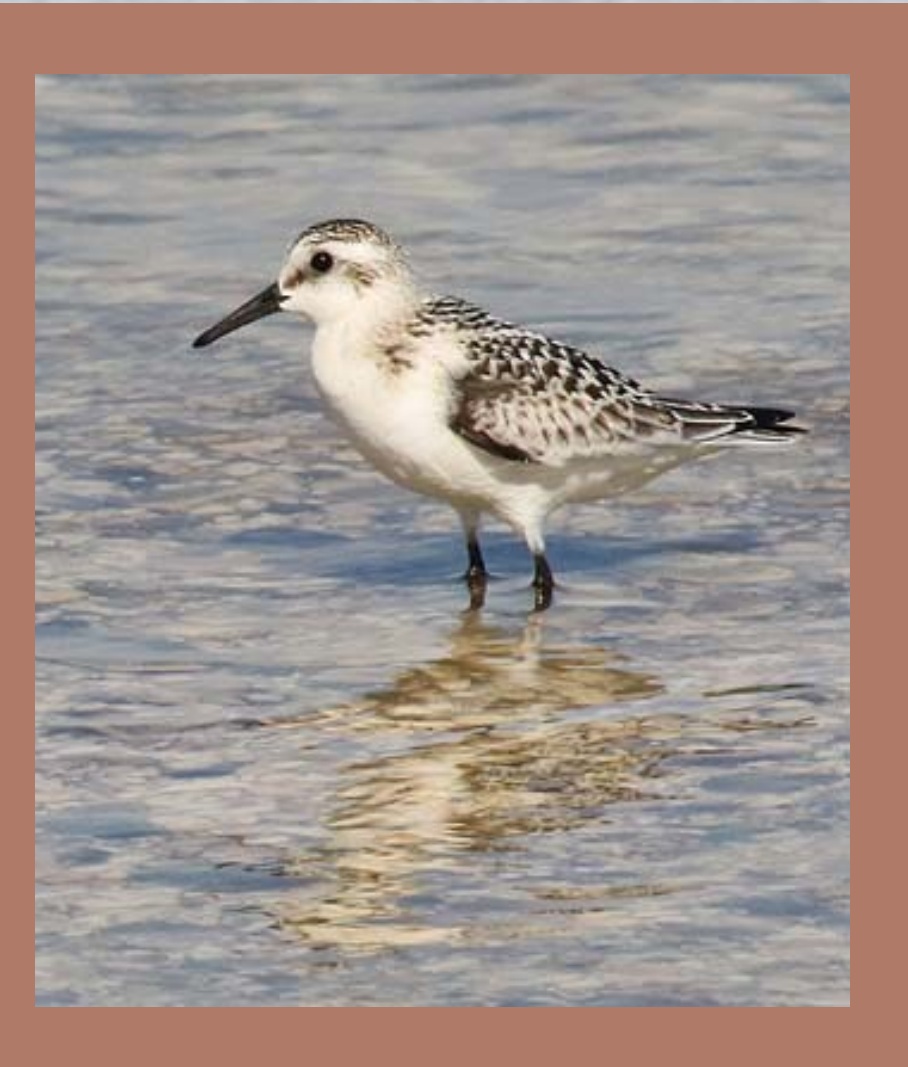
Pectoral Sandpiper



ID: 8.5". Medium-long, slightly-drooped bill; bill yellow with black tip; yellow legs; brown streaking and patterning on chest & back; white underside with sharp border.

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Sanderling



ID: 8". Small shorebird often found on sandy beaches; white wing stripe; dark leading edge to wing in flight; rufous feathers on neck, head & back; white underparts in spring; in fall has grey back; white underparts.

Dunlin



ID: 7". Bright; reddish back; black belly; long, dark legs; medium-long, dark, drooped bill.

Baird's Sandpiper



ID: 6.5". Dark, medium-long bill; dark legs; patterned chest & back.

White-rumped Sandpiper



ID: 6". Medium-long bill; dark streaked chest; grey-brown back; characteristic white above base of tail.

Semipalmated Sandpiper



ID: 5.5". Short neck; dark legs; dark, medium-length bill; lightly marked chest; stronger black-brown patterning on back. **Note: Western Sandpiper, a rare migrant, is very similar.**

Least Sandpiper



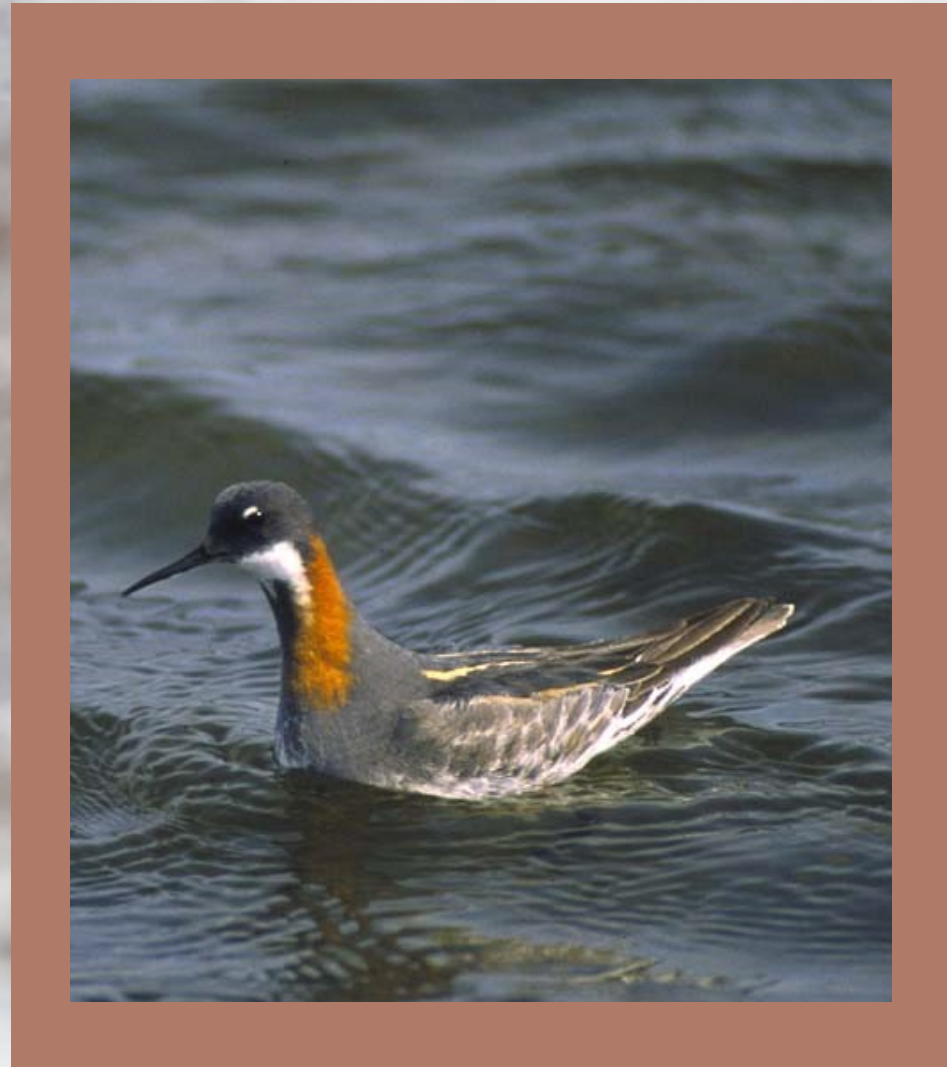
ID: 5.5". Smallest peep; yellow-green legs; dark, slightly-drooped bill; white underneath; brown-patterned chest & back. Plumage is slightly darker & browner than Semipalmated Sandpiper.

Wilson's Snipe



ID: 11". Plump; stocky; long bill; short legs; round head; short tail; intricate buff-and-brown striping & spotting pattern.

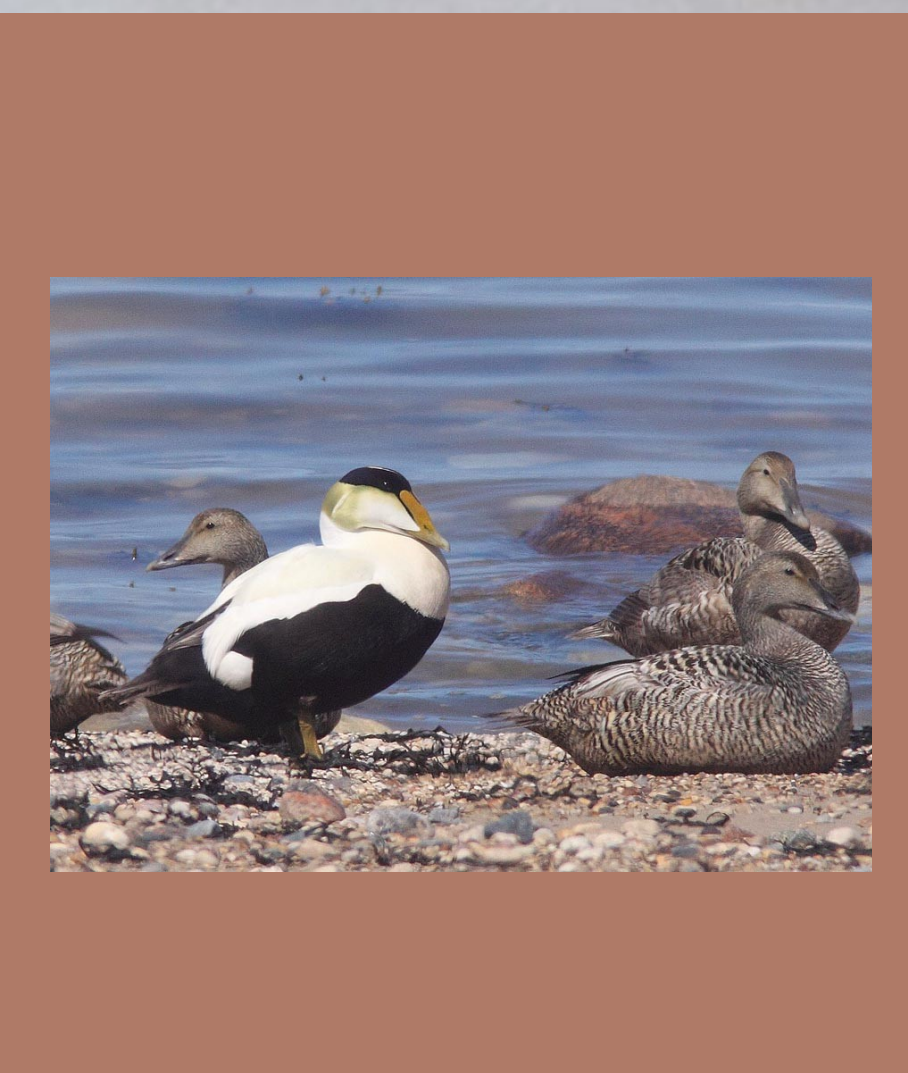
Red-necked Phalarope



ID: 7.5". Dark grey upper side; white under sides; prominent chestnut neck; white cheek patch; dark grey cap; medium-length, pointed bill; lobed feet.

	Golden-brown	Grey
PEEPS		
Small, long-winged Folded wing > tail length	Baird's Sandpiper	White-rumped Sandpiper
Tiny, short-winged Folded wing = tail length	Least Sandpiper (yellow leg colour)	Semipalmated Sandpiper

Common Eider



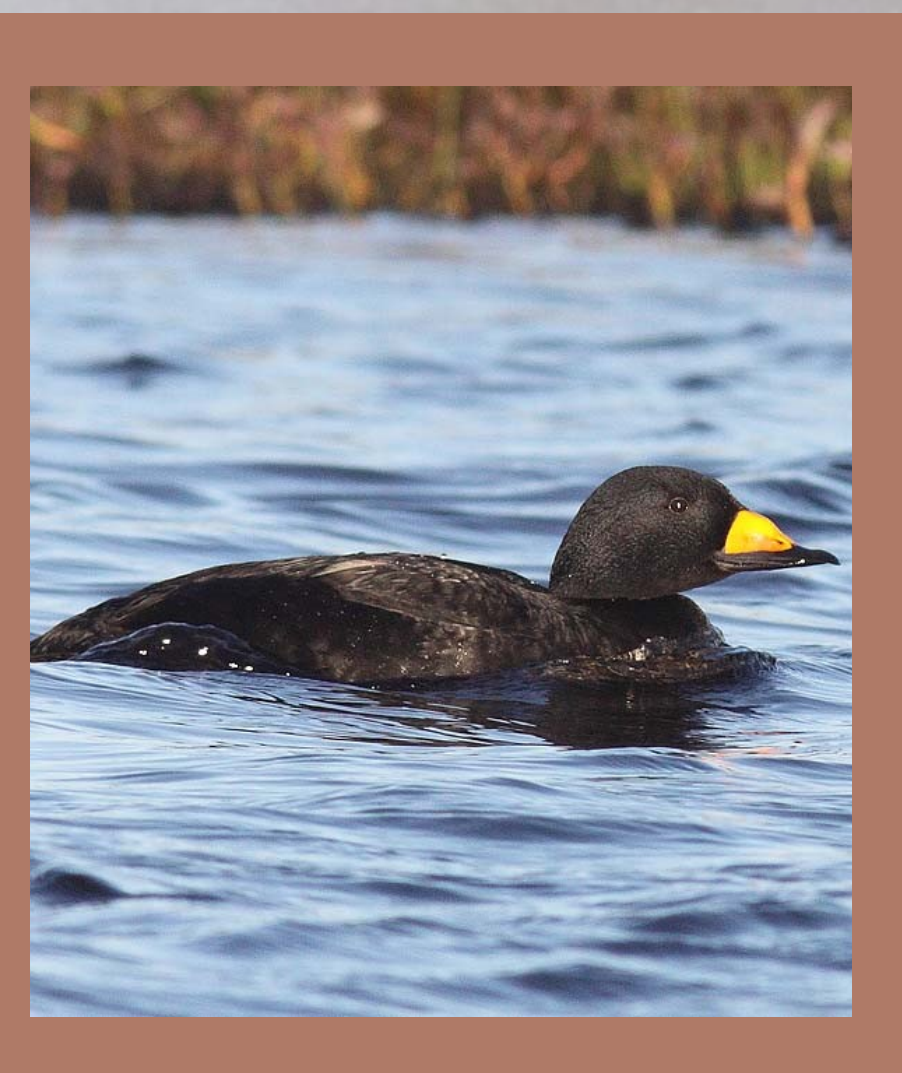
ID: 25". Large, stocky with long triangular head. Bulky, wedge-shaped bill. Adult ♂: Black cap & flanks; white face, breast & back; greenish nape; orange bill. ♀: Brown; dark barring on back & flanks. Call is a cooing *ah-ooo* for ♂ & hoarse *geoww* for ♀.

Long-tailed Duck



ID: 16.5". Small rounded duck; thick neck; short bill. ♂: Black head, chest, & wings. Black bill w/t pink band. Grey face w/t patch around eye. Long tail. ♀: Grey head w/t white eye patch; pointed tail; dark back; brown flanks. Call is a rapid *gah* or *gaguyah*.

Black Scoter



ID: 19". Smallest scoter; small upturned bill & round head. Adult ♂: all black; yellow knob on bill. ♀: brownish-black with pale cheeks; dark crown. ♂ call is distinct *peeew* and whistling *creee*. ♀ call is a low strident *kraaaa*.

Surf Scoter



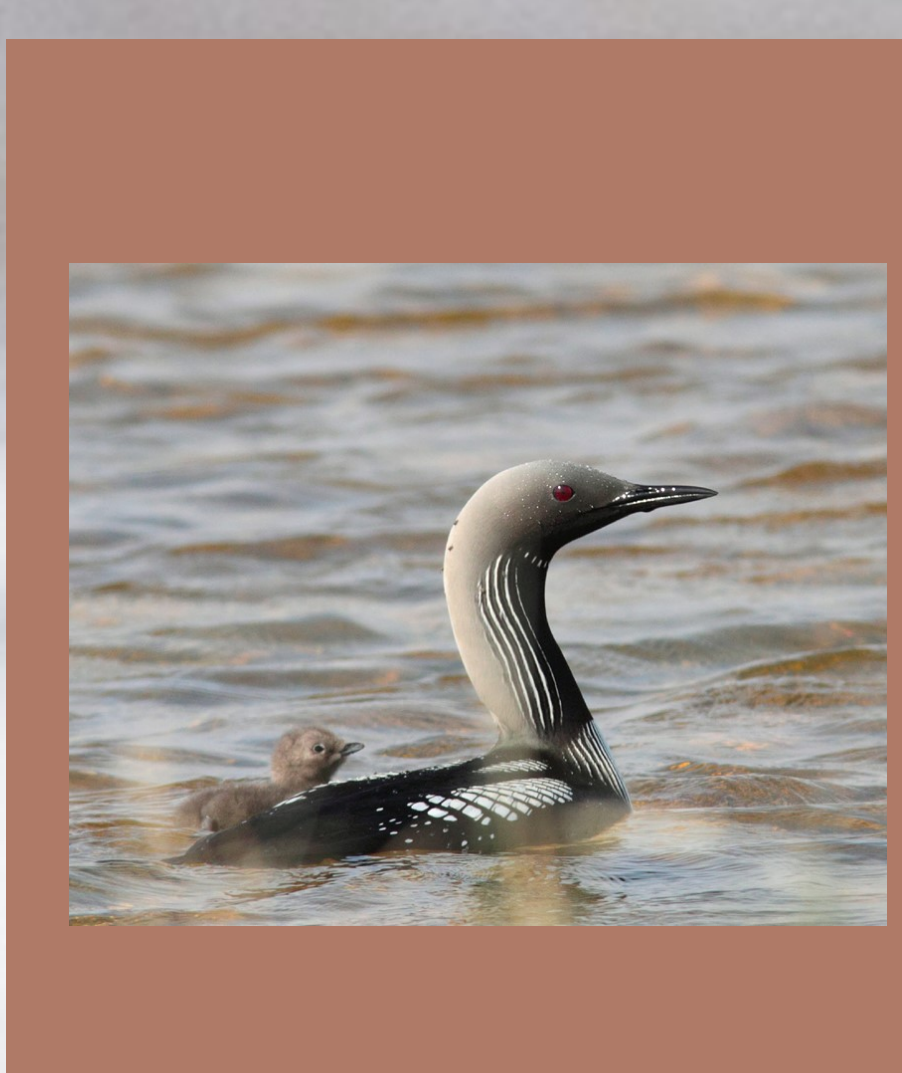
ID: 20". Bill as long as head; sloping forehead. Adult ♂: Black w/t 2 white patches on head; orange and white bill w/t black spot. ♀: Dull brown; dark cap; pale patches behind bill & beneath eye. Call is rapid *wuwuwu*.

White-winged Scoter



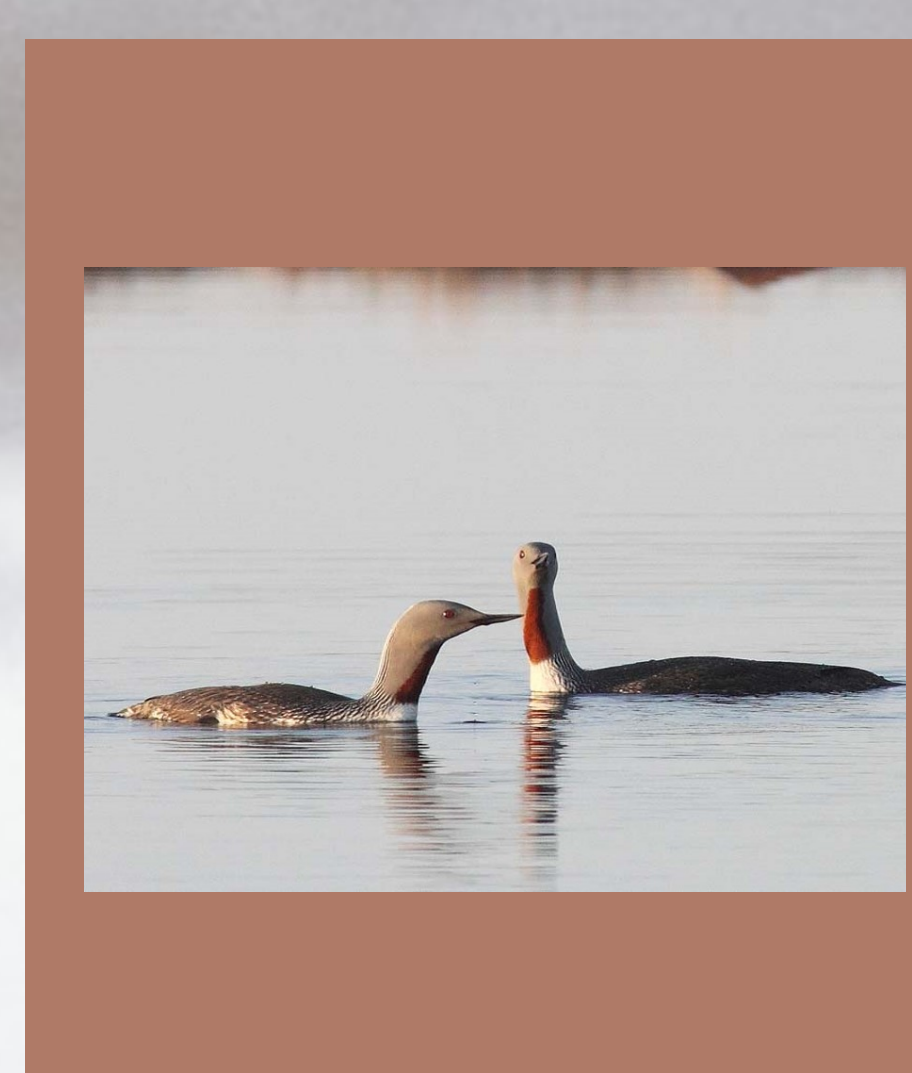
ID: 21". Long-bodied scoter; long deep-based bill. Adult ♂: Black with white crest under eye; hump on base of bill. ♀: Dark brown; whitish patches on face. Call is a short *gruu*.

Pacific Loon

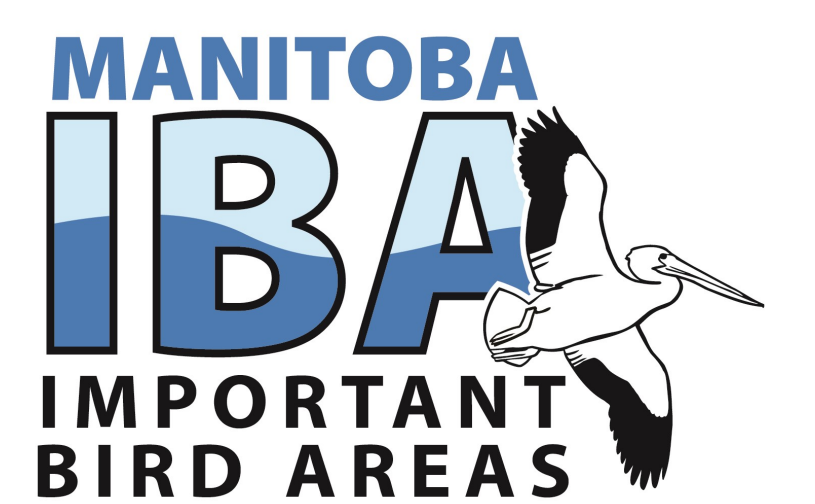


ID: 22-26". Rounded head; short, thick neck; thin, pointed, black bill. Light grey nape; blackish throat with thin white stripes on either side; white breast with black lines; bold white spots on back. Call a repeated gargled *craw craw*.

Red-throated Loon



ID: 21-25". Small loon with long body. Thin neck & bill usually tilted slightly upward. Grey face & sides of neck; thin vertical streaks on nape; reddish-brown throat; brown back. Call is a descending high-pitched wail *weeeeah*.



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