Manitoba Important Bird Area Common Birds of the Nelson River Estuary and Marsh Point IBA

Sandhill Crane



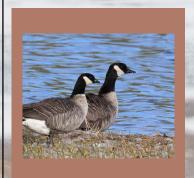
ID: 46" (greater).
41" (lesser). Dustygrey, upright body, neck, tail, and head; red patch on head above eye; Voice: repeated garooo-a-a-a

Snow/Ross's Goose



ID: 28-31" (Snow); 23" (Ross's). Two forms, both have dark wingtips, and pink legs. White morph, all white; blue morph white head; blue-black body. Ross's Goose similar w/t small bill, short neck & round head.

Canada/Cackling Goose



ID: Canada 45", black head and neck, brown body, pale breast and white cheek; Cackling, 25", shorter neck and bill but some overlap.

Voice: Canada, musical honk; Cackling, high pitched yelp.

Tundra Swan



ID: 49". Large, long body and neck; short, rounded tail; long, black bill. Plumage all white.

American Black Duck



ID: 23". Dark body with white underwing.
Similar in appearance to Mallard, but darker overall. Males have greenish-yellow bill; streaked greyish throat. Female has dark olive bill.

Northern Pintail



ID: 21". Long, pointed tail, long neck; white chest & stripe up neck; dark brown head; grey legs; dark bill; dabbler.

Greater Scaup



ID: 18". Round, green head; white wing stripe; blue/grey bill with white patch on the base; yellow eyes.

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.

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.

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.

BlackScoter



ID: 19". Smallest scoter; small upturned bill & round head. Adult ♂: all black; yellow knob on bill. ♀: brownish-black with pale cheeks; dark crown.

White-winged Scoter



ID: 21". Long-bodied scoter; long deepbased bill. Adult ♂: Black with white crest under eye; hump on base of bill. ♀: Dark brown; whitish patches on face.

Common Goldeneye



ID: 18.5". *m*. White with black back; green head with white spot before eyes; *f*. Mottled grey with a dark brown head; grey beak with yellow tip

Common Merganser



ID: 25". *m.* white body with black back and green head; elongated red bill; *f.* mottled grey body with ruffled red-brown head; elongated red bill.

Red-breasted Merganser



ID: 23". *m*. white body with black back and ruffled green head; elongated red bill; *f*. mottled grey body with ruffled brown head; elongated red bill

Willow Ptarmigan



ID: 15". *m.* chestnut brown and black head and body; white wingtips; red patch above eyes; *f.* mottled brown-white body; white wingtips; both genders fully white if non-breeding

Red-throated Loon



ID: 21-25". Small loon with long body. Thin neck and bill usually tilted slightly upward. Grey face and sides of neck; thin vertical streaks on nape; reddish-brown throat; brown back.

Horned Grebe



ID: 14". Chestnut neck, breast, and sides; black head and back; ruffled head has a yellow lengthwise strip from front to back of head slightly above eves.

Black-bellied Plover



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

American **Golden Plover**



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

Semipalmated **Plover**



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

Whimbrel



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

Hudsonian Godwit



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

Ruddy **Turnstone**

Pacific Loon



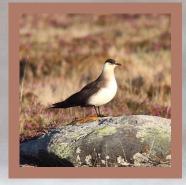
ID: 7.5". Stocky; short, dark bill; short, orange legs; black & white clown-like face; bright reddish sides in breeding plumage.

Red Knot



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

Parasitic Jaeger



ID: 16.5". White breast and neck; brown-grey wings and tail; browngrey cap on head .Short, pointed central tail feather distinct in flight.

Bonaparte's Gull



ID: 13.5". White body and neck; Light grey top and wings; thin black strip on wings; black head

Arctic Tern



ID: 12". White to light grey body and neck; Light grey top and wings; thin black strip on wings; black cap on top of head.

Rusty Blackbird



ID: 9". Rusty only in fall and winter; yellow eye; round rusty tail & flight feathers. In breeding, dark eye-patch contrasts with eye, grey rump and buffy rufous body pattern.



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