



## **Winter Waterfowl** HABITAT: LAKES, PONDS, RIVERS

Pied-billed Grebe ---- Looks like small brown duck without a duck-like bill.

American Coot ----- Charcoal gray/black duck-like but with white non-duck-like bill. Runs on water to take-off.

### **DUCKS**

#### *Dabbling ducks that tip up their bottom to feed and can spring into flight*

Green-winged Teal---- Male: Brown head, green mask. Vertical white and green line front of wing. Smallest dabbling duck, almost half the size of a Mallard.

Northern Pintail----- Male: Needle-pointed tail. White breast with white extending up neck to back of brown head. Not very common.

Gadwall----- Male: Overall gray/brown duck, black rump, white patch rear edge of wing. Winter populations are increasing in Tennessee Valley

American Wigeon---- Male: light colored patch on forehead, green stripe starts at eye and goes to back of head. Often grazes on land.

#### *Diving ducks that disappear underwater to feed and run on water to take-off*

Canvasback----- Brick-red head, long gray bill, black breast, light gray body. Not very common.

Redhead----- Male: Red head. Tri-colored bill.

Ring-necked Duck---- White ring around gray bill. Dark head and breast, light gray flanks.

Bufflehead----- Smallest local duck. Male: Large white spot behind eye to top of head

Common Goldeneye--- Male: Round white spot in front of eye. Green-black head

### **STIFF-TAILED DUCKS**

Ruddy Duck----- Small. Chunky, tail erect. White bottom ½ of head.

### **MERGANSERS**

Hooded Merganser--- Mergansers are the only ducks that specialize in eating fish. Long saw-edged bill, with large white spot bordered in black behind eye.