

The Canvasback Duck - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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The aristocrat among ducks is the canvasback, named after the drake's white back. They can be distinguished by their sloping foreheads and long bills.

[Canvasback ducks swimming]

The hen's slate-brown colouring is more subdued than the striking plumage of her mate.

The canvasback breeds on small, permanent marshes, but rarely along large stretches of open water.

[Canvasback duck swimming]

Once a common bird, the canvasback is now growing scarce. It is a hardy duck, which arrives very early in spring, nests in the parklands of Western Canada, and returns south when the waters of the north become frozen.

[Canvasback duck flying]

For more information on the canvasback duck, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.