

CARIBBEAN SEA

The Blue-winged Teal is called a 'dabbling duck' because it feeds by moving its bill around on the water surface or by upending—tail up, and head under, to reach aquatic plants, insects and snails underwater. Look for the white crescent moon-shaped mark on the male's blue-grey head. The female is mostly brown. Both have large blue patches on their wings that can be seen when they fly. Migrating in large flocks from breeding grounds in the US and Canada, this is the most common wintering duck in the Caribbean. *Bird Size 39 cm*, 15.5 in.