

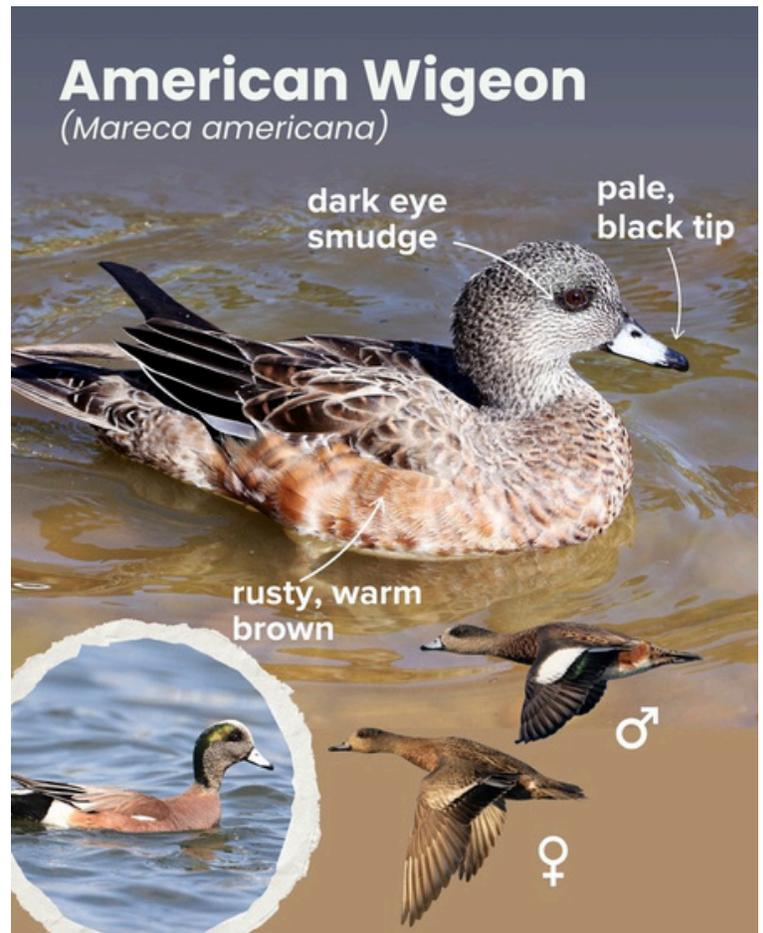
# Female and Non-breeding Duck ID Guide

There are **FIVE common** ducks that migrate to the Caribbean to spend the winter.

Breeding males are distinctive. But how do you ID the tricky 'females & non-breeding male.

Remember to look at:

- overall color
- head shape
- bill shape & color
- colors on the wing in flight



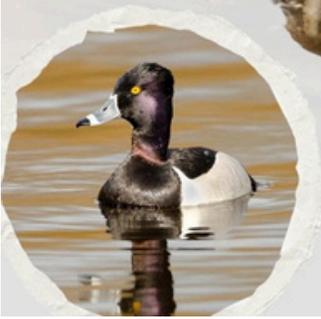
# Ring-necked Duck

(*Aythya collaris*)

white band  
brown cap  
gray



- white eye ring
- white strip behind bill
- 'peaked' head



# Lesser Scaup

(*Aythya affinis*)

peaked head  
white

- yellow eye
- brown overall



white to half-way



## Mallard



Mallard pair | Dan Vickers

## Gadwall



Gadwall pair | Baxter Beamer



Mallards in flight | Jonathan Irons



Gadwalls in flight | Josiah Santiago

Another mottled brown duck! Look for the blue wing-patch, bordered by white.

Females & non-breeding males are very similar. Look for:

- thinner, darker bill
- white patches on the wing in flight

## Green-winged Teal



Green-winged Teal pair | Dana Siefert

## Northern Pintail



Green-winged Teals in flight | Frank Lin



Northern Pintails in flight | Rudraksha Chodankar

Small, compact. Female & non-breeding male are mottled brown. Look for:

- cream stripe at rear
- green wing patches

Elegant looking, long neck and tail (even in females). Look for:

- plainer, un-patterned head
- 'tan' colored face