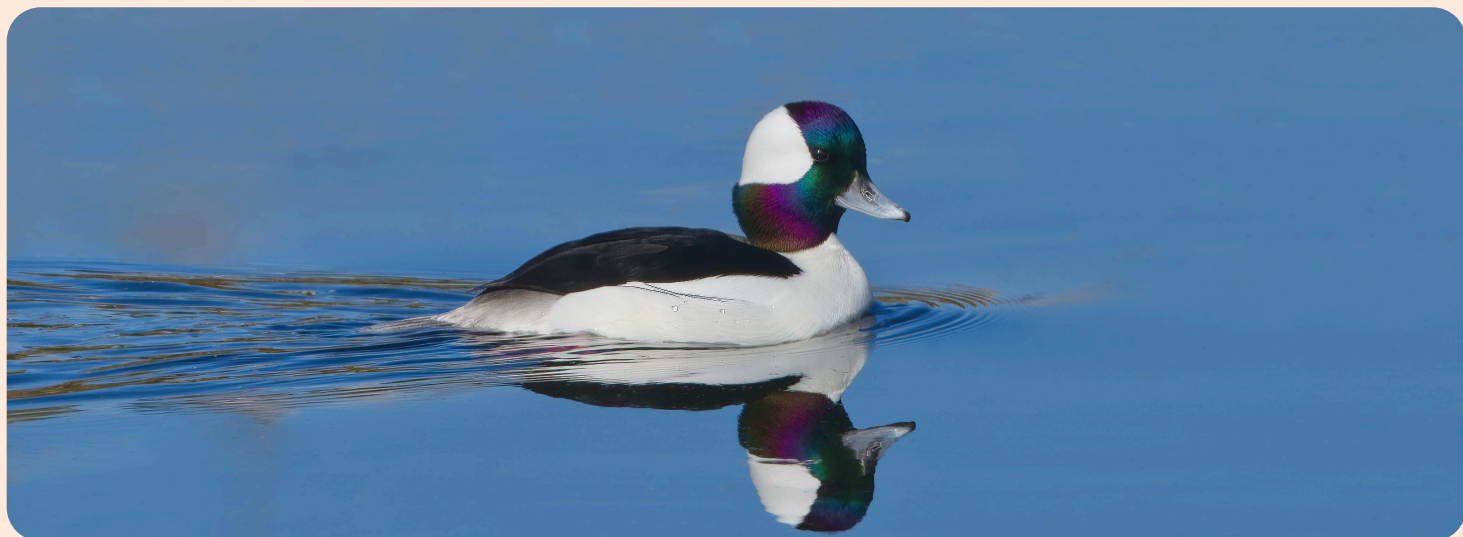


URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



BUFFLEHEAD DUCK

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look in calm urban bays, estuaries, ponds, and sheltered coastlines during the colder months.
- I'm a small, round diving duck, often paddling quickly or vanishing underwater in a flash.
- My head shimmers with iridescent color when the light hits just right, and I stand out with bright patches and a compact shape.

DID YOU KNOW?

Buffleheads are the smallest diving duck in North America, about the size of a robin.

We nest in old woodpecker-made tree cavities, especially those created by Northern Flickers—making us depend on healthy forests, even though we winter on water.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Support the protection of old trees and snags for nesting habitat.
- Avoid getting too close when we're feeding or resting—especially in winter when conserving energy is key.
- Keep dogs leashed near shorelines to reduce stress on overwintering waterfowl.

REFLECTION PROMPT

What quiet parts of your life hold surprising strength—and how might you give them more space?



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