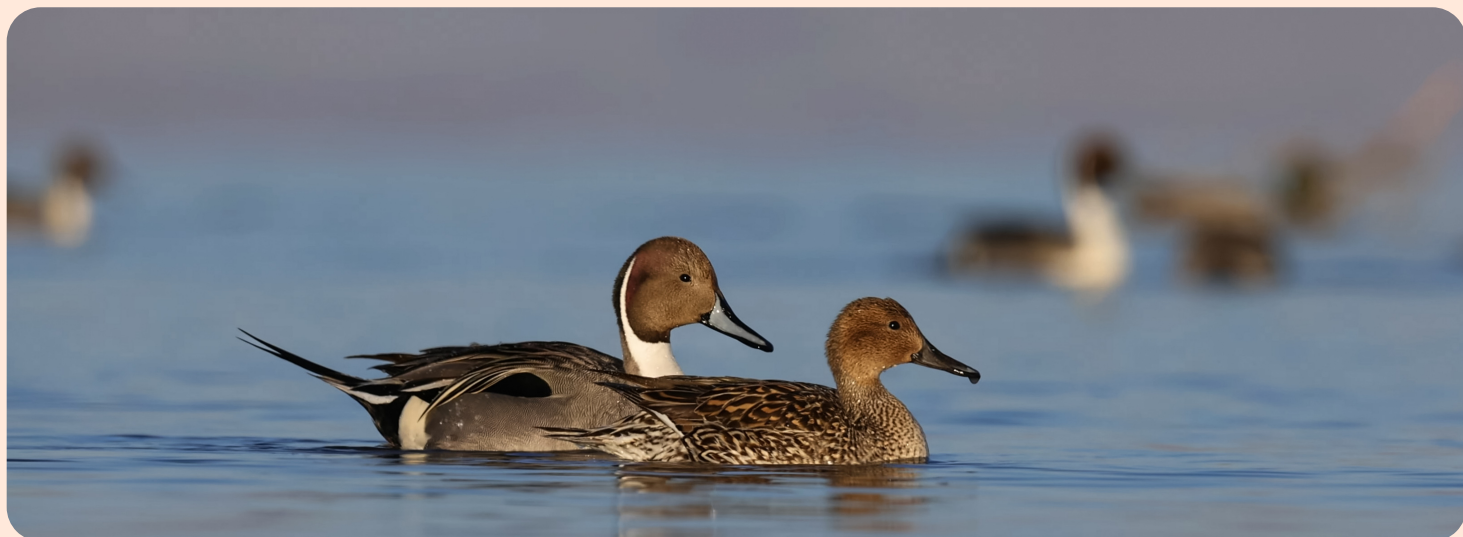


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PINTAIL DUCK

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look in shallow wetlands, marshes, estuaries, and flooded fields—especially in fall, winter, and early spring.
- Males are slender with a chocolate-brown head, white neck stripe, and long pointed tail. Females are mottled brown with a graceful silhouette.
- Watch for me dabbling in calm water or standing quietly in a flock near the shoreline.

DID YOU KNOW?

Northern Pintails are one of the earliest ducks to migrate in spring and fall.

They're also surprisingly fast flyers—clocked at speeds of up to 48 miles per hour, making them among the swiftest of all ducks.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Support wetland conservation efforts—pintails rely on healthy wetlands across their migration routes.
- Avoid disturbing large flocks during feeding or resting—especially in migration season.
- Don't use or litter with lead fishing tackle—lead poisoning is still a threat to many waterfowl.

REFLECTION PROMPT

What part of your life feels like a quiet migration—and where are you headed, even if slowly?



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