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**CANVASBACK**

**BIRDS of the HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY - SHEET ONE**

## GREAT BLUE HERON

What is it? *Ardea herodias* is a bird

How big is it? 5 ft. tall; 46 in. long

What does it eat? mainly fish; also amphibians, small birds, small mammals

Where does it live? along ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, marshes, swamps; salt & fresh water; needs large trees for nest

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## BALD EAGLE

What is it? *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* is a bird

How big is it? 28-37 in. long; wingspread 6-7 ft.

What does it eat? mainly fish; also ducks, geese, other birds & mammals

Where does it live? along large bodies of water; salt & fresh water; needs large trees for nest

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## SNOWY EGRET

What is it? *Egretta thula* is a bird

How big is it? 24 in. long

What does it eat? mainly small fish; also shrimp, small crabs, worms

Where does it live? along streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, marshes, swamps; salt & fresh water; nests in small trees, shrubs, vines

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## SPOTTED SANDPIPER

What is it? *Actitis macularia* is a bird

How big is it? 7-8 inches long

What does it eat? small crustaceans, insects, worms

Where does it live? along ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, marshes, swamps; salt & fresh water; nests on ground near or under plants

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## CANVASBACK

What is it? *Aythya valisneria* is a bird

How big is it? 20 in. long

What does it eat? omnivore; water plants, insects & small clams, snails, & crustaceans

Where does it live? on rivers, lakes, marshes, bays; salt & fresh water; nest built on water among plants

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## BELTED KINGFISHER

What is it? *Ceryle alcyon* is a bird

How big is it? 12 in. long

What does it eat? mainly small fish

Where does it live? along streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, marshes, swamps; salt & fresh water; nests in burrows in sand banks

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body



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**MALLARD**



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**DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT**



**RING-BILLED GULL**



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**CANADA GOOSE**



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**RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD**



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**MARSH WREN**

## DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

What is it? *Phalacrocorax auritus* is a bird

How big is it? 27-35 in. long

What does it eat? fish

Where does it live? on rivers, lakes, bays, ocean; salt & fresh water; nests on ground, in shrubs & small trees, & on light towers

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## MALLARD

What is it? *Anas platyrhynchos* is a bird

How big is it? 20-25 in. long

What does it eat? omnivore; water plants, corn & other grains, acorns, insects, snails, worms, & crustaceans

Where does it live? on rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes; fresh & brackish water; nests on ground

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## CANADA GOOSE

What is it? *Branta canadensis* is a bird

How big is it? 30-40 in. long

What does it eat? water plants, grasses & similar land plants, corn & other grains

Where does it live? on rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes, bays; salt & fresh water; also feeds in fields; nests on ground

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## RING-BILLED GULL

What is it? *Larus delawarensis* is a bird

How big is it? 18-20 in. long

What does it eat? fish, insects, rodents, earthworms, some grain

Where does it live? on rivers, lakes, marshes, bays, ocean; salt & fresh water; nests on ground

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## MARSH WREN

What is it? *Cistothorus palustris* is a bird

How big is it? 5 in. long

What does it eat? insects, spiders

Where does it live? in marshes in fresh & brackish water, especially in cattail; builds nests in marsh plants

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body

## RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

What is it? *Agelaius phoeniceus* is a bird

How big is it? 8 in. long

What does it eat? omnivore; seeds, grain, insects

Where does it live? along streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes; brackish & fresh water; nests in marsh plants, trees, shrubs

What is its life cycle? hatches from egg; baby's body has the same parts as an adult's body