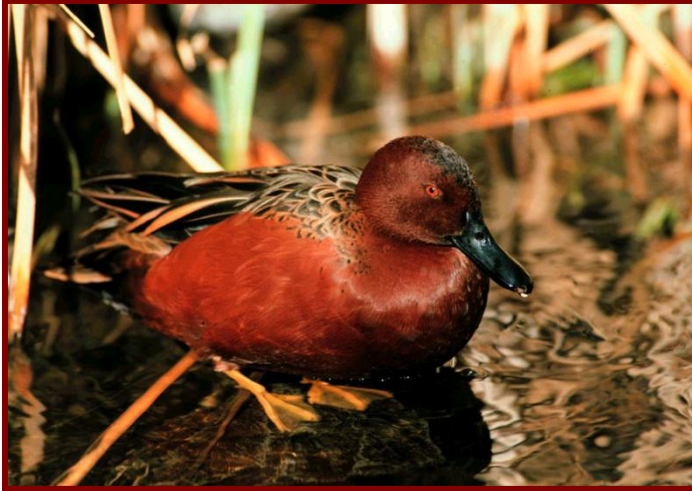


CINNAMON TEAL

Anas cyanoptera



The cinnamon teal breeds in western North America from British Columbia in Canada east to Montana and south to California, Mexico, and Texas. It winters in Mexico. Cinnamon teal travel in small flocks made up of paired males and females. They are very fast flyers and can take off directly from the water. The female has a light brown head and neck, a gray bill, and brown eyes. Her breast and sides are brown and streaked with darker V-shaped spots, her upperparts are brown and her belly is white. She has a light blue shoulder patch on her upper wings with a white band of feathers under the patch and a strip of green feathers at the edge of the wing. The male cinnamon teal has a bright cinnamon-colored head, neck, stomach and sides. His markings are similar to the female, with a darker blue shoulder patch.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

WINGSPAN

The cinnamon teal has an average wingspan of 15 inches.

WEIGHT

The average adult cinnamon teal weighs less than one pound.

FOOD HABITS

The cinnamon teal usually feeds in shallow water where it scoops up floating plants, seeds, and even insects. It will also dive for food and eat aquatic invertebrates.

HABITAT

The cinnamon teal prefers habitats with shallow ponds, marshes, and lakes that have a lot of surrounding vegetation.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The cinnamon teal is distributed throughout most of the western half of the United States.

FUN FACT

Cinnamon teal are very social birds. Pairs of these birds are often found nesting within a few feet of each other.