

Fulvous Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna bicolor

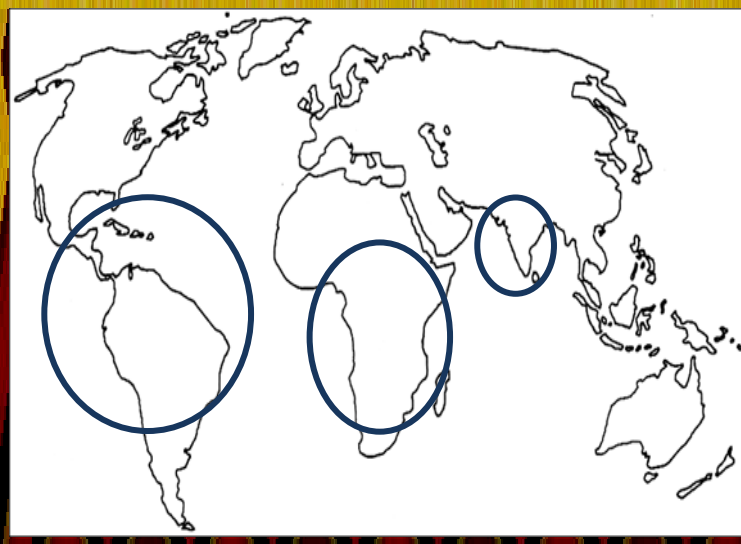


These beautiful ducks are found in Southern USA, North and Eastern South America, Africa South of the Sahara from Senegal to Ethiopia and South to South Africa, Madagascar to India.

Living in a variety of Marshy Habitats and Swamps in open, flat areas, they are generally associated with good development of tall-grass vegetation. In areas where rice is grown, the Fulvous Whistling Duck is particularly frequent and causes major damage.

They breed in single pairs or loose groups and the nest is a mound of plant material amidst vegetation, or rarely a hollow in a tree, with or without down lining. The chicks are independent at around 63 days of age and reach sexual maturity at 1 year of age.

Counts of up to 1000 birds are not uncommon in parts of their range and even groups of 12 000 birds have been seen. They are regularly hunted in rice-growing areas due to the damage they cause.



Lifespan: 15 Years

Weight: 621 - 755 g

Size: 45 - 53 cm

Breeding Season: Depends on Water availability

Incubation Period: 24 - 28 Days

Number of Chicks: 10

Diet: Almost entirely Vegetarian with minor quantities of Animal Matter

Problems They Face: Hunting and Pesticides

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened