

Yellow-billed Duck

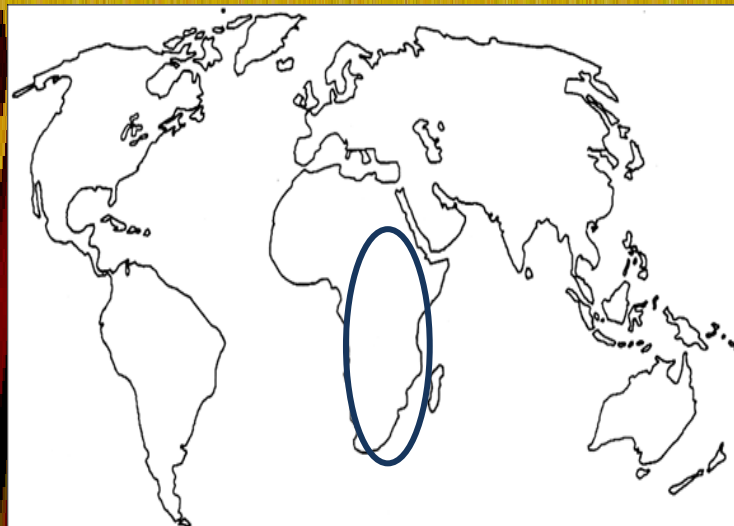
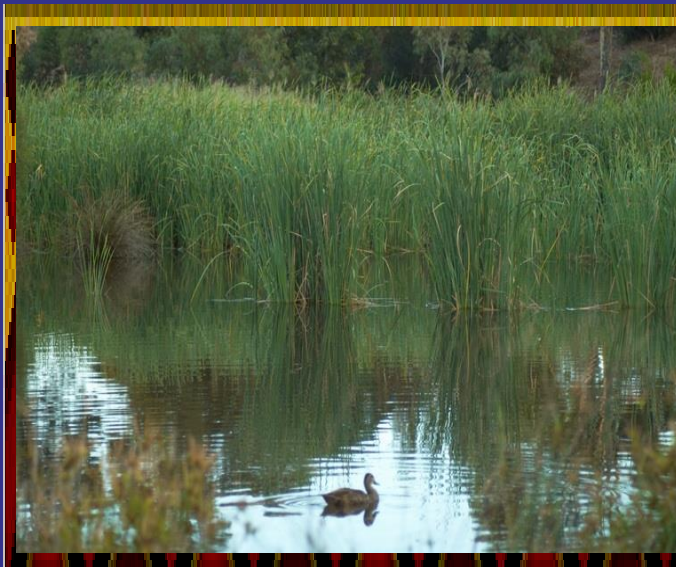
Anas undulata



One of the most common ducks in South Africa, the Yellow-billed Duck is also found in Kenya, Angola, Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Common and widespread, the Yellow-billed Duck is the most abundant duck through most of its range, especially in temperate regions. It is very common in Southern Africa generally with an estimated population of 52 000 – 65 000 birds.

Living in Freshwater Lakes, Reservoirs, Rivers, Flooded Fields, Swamps and Marshes, they start breeding with the start of the rainy season. Territorial by nature, they nest in single pairs with the nest made of grass, rushes and reed stems, lined with down, situated on the ground or concealed among vegetation. The young are independent at around 68 days of age.



Lifespan: 15 Years

Weight: 630 - 1208 g

Size: 51 - 58 cm

Breeding Season: Variable

Incubation Period: 26 - 29 Days

Number of Chicks: 4 - 12

Diet: Seeds, Roots, Leaves and Stems of Aquatic Plants, also Insects, Molluscs and Crustaceans

Problems They Face: Pesticides, Habitat Destruction

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened