



Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*)

Size: Body length (incl. tail), 37 - 60 cm **Weight:** 685 - 800 g **Habitat:** Oceans of the Northern Hemisphere **Surviving number:** Estimated at 6.2 - 6.8 million



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Deep diver. When the long-tailed duck ventures beneath the waves in search of shrimp, krill, snails and mussels, it is able to reach depths as great as 60 meters. The male also shows his prowess in other ways during courtship, filling the skies with a distinctive call likened to that of a hoarse rooster. After mating, the male congregates with his fellows in a lake to molt his

plumage, leaving the female to brood on the nest. But every year fewer young are hatched as populations plunge due to habitat degradation, hunting, fishing bycatch and disease.

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