Laysan Duck (Anas laysanensis)

Size: Body length, 38 - 43 cm; wing length, 19.2 - 20.4 cm  Weight: 348 - 548 g  Habitat: Dense forest during the day; hypersaline lake at night  Surviving number: Estimated at 500 - 680 mature individuals

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Squeezed. The Laysan duck has the most limited range of any duck species in the world—just 11.2 square kilometers—making it especially vulnerable to calamities such as disease, competition from introduced animals and extreme weather. Pairs form long-term bonds that can last nearly their entire lives. They spend most of their daylight hours hiding under dense forest cover; at night, they emerge to make meals of brine flies, brine shrimp, moths and beetles. But with little room to roam, danger is never far away.

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