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—The New York Times

Blue-winged Teal

Anas discors

L 15.5" WS 23" WT 13oz (380g) ♂ > ♀

Relatively small and slender with long bill. Male breeding plumage distinctive with white crescent on gray head, white hip patch. Female told from Green-winged by longer bill, white eye-arcs. See Cinnamon Teal. In flight, pale blue wing coverts obvious.



Adult ♀

Adult ♂

Juvenile (Aug-Oct)



Juveniles of these species can be nearly identical; juveniles of both species (especially Cinnamon) often bleach to pale straw-colored overall Sep-Nov

Adult ♀

gray, more patterned
dark eye-line; white eye-arcs



Adult ♂ nonbreeding (Jul-Oct)



Adult ♂ breeding (Nov-Jun)



white hip-patch

white at base of bill joins white throat to vague crescent

white crescent

Cinnamon Teal

Anas cyanoptera

L 16" WS 22" WT 14oz (400g) ♂ > ♀

Breeding male unmistakable, with dark reddish-brown plumage. Female very similar to female Blue-winged; distinguished only on average by slightly larger bill and overall warmer brown and less distinctly patterned plumage.



Adult ♀

Adult ♂

thick neck

all-dark

dull blue

pale blue

Juvenile (Aug-Oct)



yellowish legs

Adult ♀



Adult ♂ nonbreeding (Jul-Sep)



Adult ♂ breeding (Oct-Jun)



plainer face

longer, more Northern Shoveler-like

plainer, warmer

red eye

reddish overall

red eye

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