









# SWAN IDENTIFICATION

| Identifying Characteristics | Mute Swan<br><i>Cygnus olor</i><br>Non-native  | Tundra Swan<br><i>Cygnus columbianus</i><br>Native   | Trumpeter Swan<br><i>Cygnus buccinator</i><br>Native; Uncommon  |
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| Adult Bill                  |  <p>Orange bill with black bulbous knob at the crown</p>                        |  <p>Black bill with yellow spot near the eye; Cheek curved from eye to mouth</p> |  <p>Entirely black bill; Cheek straight from eye to mouth</p>              |
| Adult Body and Neck         |  <p><b>Body:</b> All white; 25-30 lbs<br/><b>Neck:</b> Significant S-shape</p> |  <p><b>Body:</b> All white; 15-20 lbs<br/><b>Neck:</b> Straight</p>             |  <p><b>Body:</b> All white; 20-25 lbs<br/><b>Neck:</b> Slight S-shape</p> |
| Juvenile Bill and Body      | <p><b>Bill:</b> Pale pink, gray bill with small black knob<br/><b>Body:</b> White with brown highlights</p>  | <p><b>Bill:</b> Pinkish bill with black tip; Black nostrils<br/><b>Body:</b> Pale brown with white highlights</p>  | <p><b>Bill:</b> Black bill with pink center; Black nostrils<br/><b>Body:</b> Pale gray with white highlights</p>  |
| Presence                    | Confirmed present, year-round throughout CA; Juveniles commonly mistaken for other species   | Confirmed seasonally present, Winter (Nov-Mar); Juveniles commonly mistaken for other species  | Confirmed present; Dispersed throughout CA; Juveniles commonly mistaken for other species   |

## Mute Swans in California:

Mute Swans have the potential to displace native waterfowl and degrade aquatic habitats by consuming large amounts of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). Native waterfowl, fish, and invertebrates depend on SAV for food and shelter. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is seeking information on the numbers, locations, and impacts of Mute Swans in California. This information will help inform future management of Mute Swans to protect the natural resources of the State.

**Please report mute swan sightings to CDFW Invasive Species Program**  
**Email [Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov) or call 1-866-440-9530**