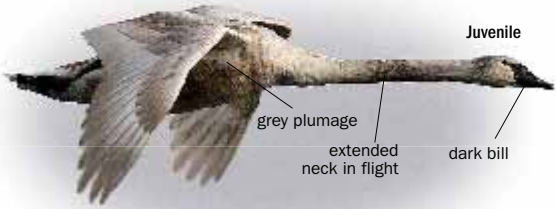


SWANS Large waterfowl with white plumage (except rare, introduced Black Swan); young greyish. All species fly with extended neck. Note variation in bill size, shape and colour. Inhabit waterbodies, but most species feed on arable land or grassland.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

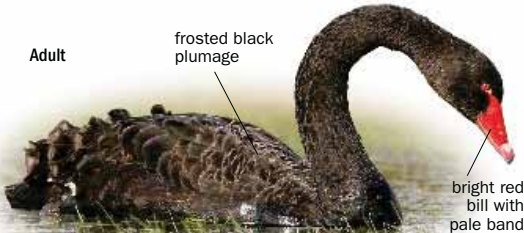


IDENTIFICATION
150 cm. Large, thick neck, round head, black triangular mask in front of

eye. Black knob at base of bill, larger in male. Adult with bright orange bill, juvenile's is grey. Displaying male swims forward with wings lifted and feathers spread. Often aggressive near the nest; gregarious in winter. **VOICE** Loud whistle from wings in flight. Call when annoyed is a whistled, varying grunt. **HABITAT** Lakes, fishponds, canals, even in urban areas.



Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*



130 cm. Very elegant, with slim neck, frosted black plumage, bright red bill with pale vertical band. An escapee (of Australasian origin); a few pairs breed at scattered sites, where they winter.

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