**American bittern**

Characteristics:
- Males: metallic-green head, white neck ring, reddish-brown breast
- Females: mottled brown and white; both sexes have white-bordered, blue patch in the wing

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**Canada goose**

Characteristics:
- Black head and neck, white “chin strap”

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**mallard**

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**northern pintail**

Characteristics: Breeding males have white breast and a white line down their brown head and neck. Females and males that are molting are mottled in browns and whites with an unmarked pale tan face and a dark bill. In flight, males have green inner wing feathers and females bronze inner wing feathers
**redhead**

Characteristics:
Gray bill with black tip; males have cinnamon brown head, black chest, and gray body; females are mainly brown

**spotted sandpiper**

Characteristics:
Breeding season: bold dark spots on white breast and an orange bill; back is dark brown winter: breast is plain white, back is grayish brown and the bill is pale yellow

Exhibit an unusual breeding strategy where the female establishes and defends her territory and may breed with several males. The male incubates the egg sand takes care of the nestling.

**Virginia rail**

Characteristics:
Long, heavy bill and a short, upturned tail; rusty in color with gray face, black and white barring on sides, with white under tail feathers

Mainly freshwater marshes

**Wilson's snipe**

Characteristics: Long, straight beak several times the length of their head; patterned in brown and buff stripes and bars; 3 buff streaks down back; sides barred in black
American beaver

Characteristics: second largest rodent in the world; thick brown waterproof fur, with large flat tail

Responsible for creating habitats for many species

common muskrat

Characteristics: large semi-aquatic rodent, covered with short, thick fur, which is medium to dark brown or black in color, with the belly a bit lighter; long tails covered with scales rather than hair, and to aid them in swimming, are slightly flattened vertically

Build lodges of cattails or other herbaceous vegetation, but do not use sticks or limbs

mink

Characteristics: dark colored semi-aquatic carnivorous mammals related to weasels and otters. They have a rich glossy coat

raccoon

Characteristics: Tail with alternating rings of yellowish-white and black, body fur “salt and peppered,” black mask over eyes
river otter

Characteristics:
- long body, with short legs; semi-aquatic mammal; short thick fur; light brown to black in color

eastern snapping turtle

Characteristics:
- Large head, long tail, shell with prominent ridges

American bullfrog

Characteristics:
- Large size, no dorso-lateral ridge, ridge around eardrum; olive green back and sides blotched with brownish markings and a whitish belly spotted with yellow or grey;

crawfish frog

Characteristics:
- numerous dark colored spots with light rings around it
- spend the non-breeding season in crayfish burrows. Adults make annual migrations to temporary, fishless ponds to breed.
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