

TABLE 5.3-8
WATERFOWL POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR NORTHERN ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES FOR 2002,
2003, 2004 AND THE 10-YEAR AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE POPULATION ESTIMATES

Species	Estimated Population (x 1000)					2004 Population Estimate as % Change From	
	2002	2003	2004	10-year mean	Long-term mean (1955-2004)	10-year mean	Long-term Mean (1955-2004)
Mallard	635.6	576.8	398.4	652.8	796.0	-39%	-50%
Northern Pintail	171.7	151.5	171.4	143.2	352.1	19.7%	-51.3%
Long-tailed duck	104.3	83.2	116.3	78.3	240.3	48.6%	-51.6%
Scoter (all species)	503.6	695.2	635.3	490.6	886.8	29.5%	-28.4%
Merganser	74.5	114.3	41.3	83.2	74.9	-50.3%	-44.8%
All dabbling ducks	2522.4	2770.7	2094.4	2398.8	2937.5	-12.7%	-28.7%
All diving ducks	2270.5	2432.6	2061.0	2257.1	3037.1	-8.7%	-32.1
All duck species	5475.3	6087.1	4948.3	5307.8	7177.2	-6.8%	-31.1%
Canada Goose	189.9	129.8	120.2	133.3	148.4	-9.8%	-19.0%

Notes:

Dabbling duck species included: mallard, American black duck, gadwall, American pigeon, American green-winged teal, blue-winged teal, northern shoveler, northern pintail.

Diving duck species included: redhead, canvasback, scaups, ring-necked duck, goldeneyes, bufflehead, ruddy duck.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2003, 2004)

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