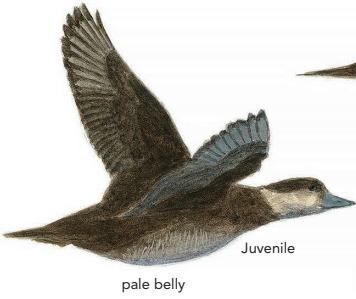


BLACK SCOTER

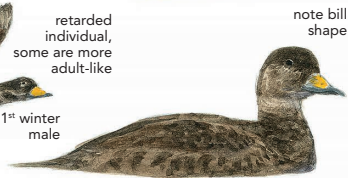
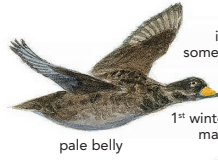
L 43–54 cm WS 70–90 cm W 0.86–1.09 kg

generally with cleaner cheeks than Common Scoter

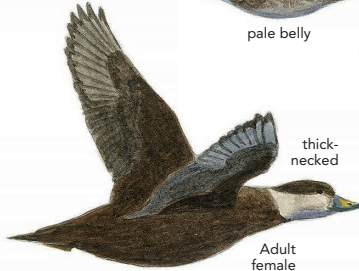
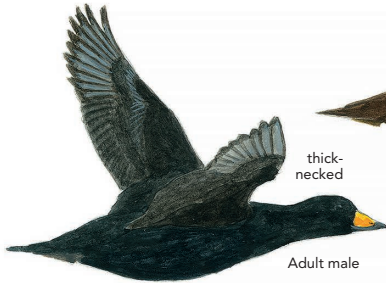
swollen knob with variable amount of yellow



Adult female
spring-summer



retarded individual, some are more adult-like
note bill shape



Adult male

large swollen knob



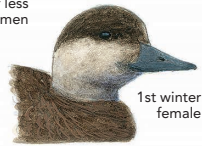
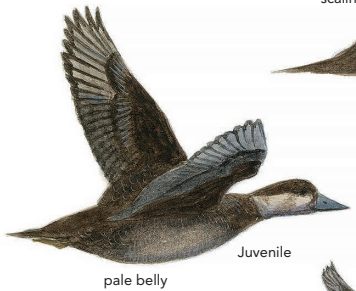
COMMON SCOTER

L 43–54 cm WS 79–90 cm W 0.97–1.33 kg

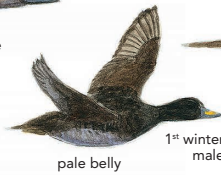
dark brown body with discrete scaling

variable cheek pattern, often with dusky markings

more or less straight culmen



body scaling paler with wear



gradually attains mature feathering



note variation in bill pattern

both species show paler primaries in all stages, often with silvery quality



yellow more conspicuous head-on

