

HOODED MERGANSER

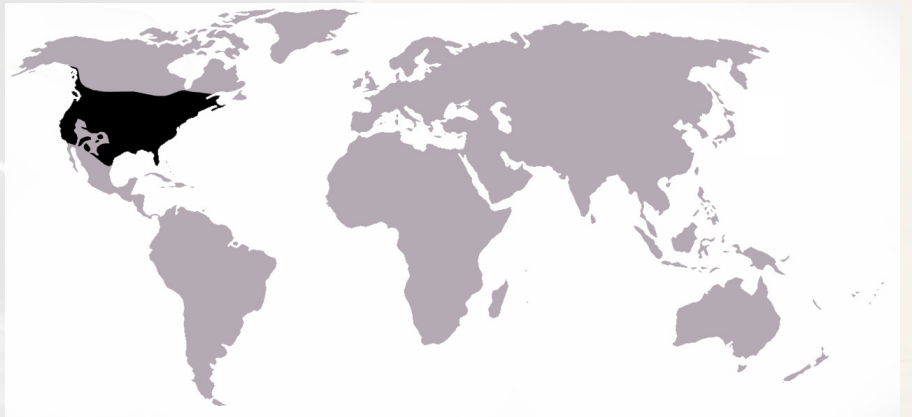
Lophodytes cucullatus

FUN FACTS

- The fan-shaped crest on a Hooded Merganser's head is collapsible. Drakes possess a striking black and white hood, while females are a gray and brown.

As diving ducks, they dive and swim low in water to forage for invertebrates and small fish.

- These cavity nesting ducks are known for "brood parasitism." In the case of the Hooded Merganser, females will lay eggs in the nests of other females of the same species.



THREATS & CONSERVATION

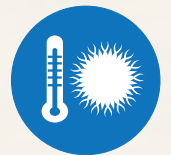
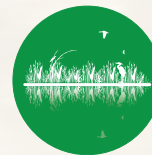
In the early twentieth century, Hooded Mergansers were overhunted, but hunting pressure has declined markedly since then. They are listed as least concern and their population is stable.

class
bird

biome
wetland

diet
omnivore

body temp
endotherm



biorhythm
diurnal

birth
oviparous

interaction
social

habitat
aquatic