

SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER

Scientific name: *Mergus squamatus*

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IUCN status
Endangered



Type of waterbirds
Sea duck

Identification

Has crest of wispy elongated feathers, longer in males

Beak is long and thin with serrated edge, bright red with yellow tip

52-62 cm

Scaly-patterned feathers on sides and flanks

MALE

Males with black-glossy green head, neck and scapulars



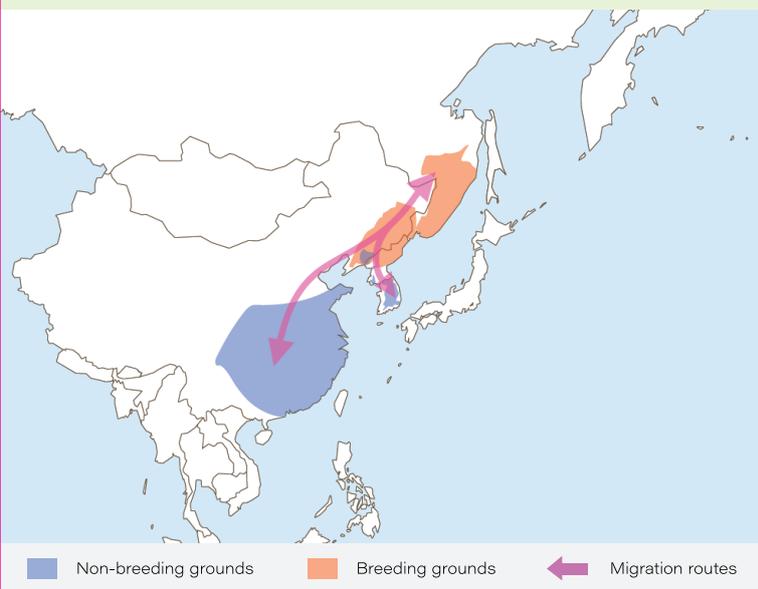
FEMALE

Females's head is in brown color

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Map of distribution

Migration distance: > 3,000 km



Habitats

It has low tolerance to human disturbance. It breeds in well-forested mountainous clear flowing rivers, nest in tree holes. In non-breeding season, it inhabits lakes, reservoirs, and mountainous rivers

Global estimated population

Roughly 3,600-6,800 individuals

Main Threats

Habitat loss due to deforestation in breeding habitat and habitat degradation resulting from damming, dredging and water management in non-breeding habitats, and pollution

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Check the EAAFP Scaly-sided Merganser Task Force for the conservation actions
<https://eaaflyway.net/scaly-sided-merganser-task-force/>



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