



FRECKLED DUCK

(Stictometta naevosa)

INFORMATION

FOUND: South-eastern and South western Australia

HABITAT: Prefers permanent swamps and creeks with dense cover

SIZE: Moderately large broad-billed duck with a peaked crown on head and up-turned bill

BODY COLOUR: Dark in colour with fine white specks all over Males develop a bright red patch at the base of the bill during breeding season

BEHAVIOUR: A very shy duck
Feeds at dawn and dusk

FOOD: Feeds on algae, sedges, and grasses, and small invertebrates

THREATS: Habitat loss due to land clearing
Mis-identification by hunters during duck-hunting season