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Black-necked Swan

Cygnus melancoryphus

The Black-necked Swan is the largest waterfowl native to South America, instantly recognizable by its striking black neck, white body, and vivid red knob at the base of its bill. It inhabits freshwat…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Anatidae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 3.5–6.7 kg
Scientific name: Cygnus melancoryphus

Did you know?

- Unlike most swans, the Black-necked Swan is mute and communicates mainly through soft whistles and grunts.
- Black-necked Swans are the only swan species with a bright red knob at the base of the bill. Chicks are born with entirely white plumage, only develo…

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