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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mute Swan

Cygnus olor

Cygnus olor is not mute — it hisses, snorts, and grunts freely — but it lacks the loud bugling call of whooper and trumpeter swans because its trachea does not loop into the breastbone as theirs does…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Anatidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, and marshes
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years in the wild
Weight: 9-14 kg
Scientific name: Cygnus olor

Did you know?

- Mute Swans can be highly territorial and aggressive, often defending their nesting sites vigorously against intruders, including other swans and even…
- In Britain, all unmarked mute swans in open water technically belong to the Crown, a right dating to the twelfth century, and the annual Swan Upping …

What I learned

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