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08k – WATERFOWL (*WASSERWILD*)

(2) Wild Geese (*Wildgänse*)



Greylag Geese in flight (*Graugänse im Flug*)



Greylag Geese Pair (*Graugans Paar*)



Greylag Geese Family (*Graugansfamilien*)

The average **Greylag Goose (*Graugans*)** weighs 8 to 9 pounds. It is about 32 to 35 inches long with a wingspan of 64 inches. The Graylag Goose's overall color is gray, the bill is orange with a white tip, and the feet are pink, and the under parts are whitish. The call of the wild goose resembles the call of the domestic goose.



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Bean Goose (*Saatgans*)

The **Bean Goose (*Saatgans*)** is about 3 inches smaller than the Greylag goose. The German name for the Bean Goose comes from its diet of seeds and seedlings (*Saat*). The Bean Goose often feeds in grain fields. The bill is black with reddish-orange, its feet are yellow, and its overall color is darker than that of the Greylag Goose.



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Greater White-fronted Goose (*Blässgans*)

The name for the **White-Fronted Goose (*Blässgans*)** comes from the white spot above the bill.

The bill and feet are reddish-yellow and the overall coloring is similar to that of the Bean Goose, with white spots over the abdominal parts.

The White-Fronted Goose grows to a length of about 28 inches with a wingspan of 60 inches.



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Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Zwerggans*)

The length of the **Lesser White-Fronted Goose (*Zwerggans*)** is 26 inches.

The Lesser White-Fronted goose looks like a small White-Fronted Goose.



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Brent Goose (*Ringelgans*)



The **Brent Goose (*Ringelgans*)** is easily distinguished by the white ring around its neck. At maturity, these geese are normally 22 inches long. The wing span may reach 45 inches. The bird's overall coloring is black.



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Canada Goose (*Kanadagans*)



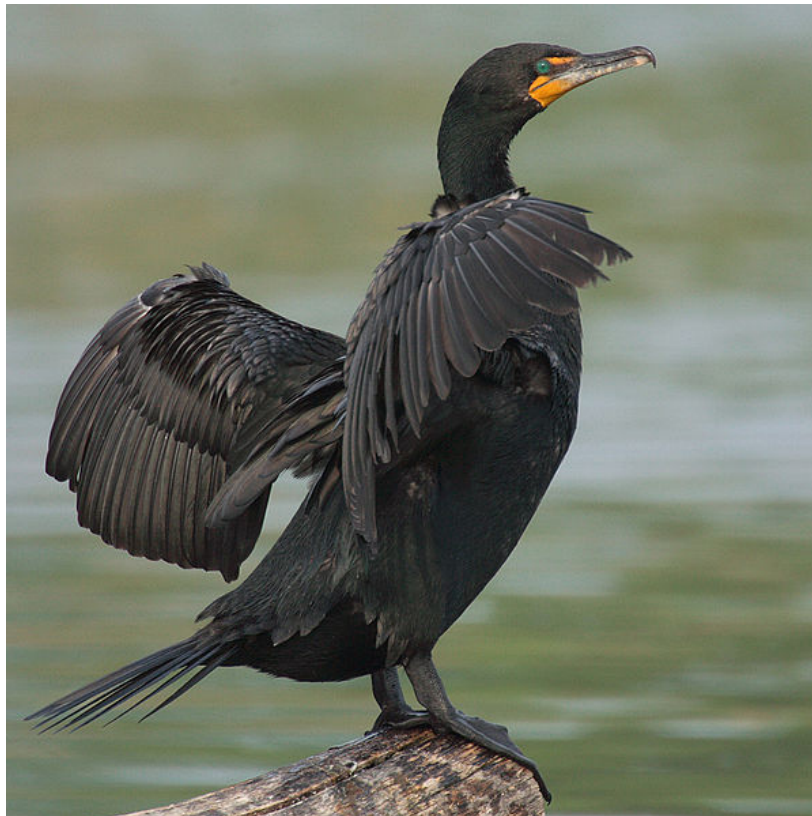
The most common of all North American geese, the **Canada Goose (*Kanadagans*)**, was introduced into Germany as a bird for parks. Gradually, Canada Geese returned to the wild and are breeding in Germany.



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Great Cormorant (*Kormoran*)



Cormorant (*Kormoran*)

The **Great Cormorant (*Kormoran*)** migrated into Germany from Eastern Europe during the last 20 years. The Great Cormorant is most dangerous to the fish population.



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Swans (*Schwäne*)

These large waterfowl are related to ducks and geese, are white, and their gender cannot be distinguished by outward appearance.

There are three different species of swans in Germany:

- The **Mute Swan (*Höckerschwan*)**
- The **Whooper Swan (*Singschwan*)**
- The **Tundra Swan (*Zwergschwan*)**.

Only the Mute Swan (*Höckerschwan*) is open for hunting, from 1 September until 15 January.



Mute Swan (*Höckerschwan*)



Whooper Swan (*Singschwan*)



Tundra Swan (*Zwergschwan*)