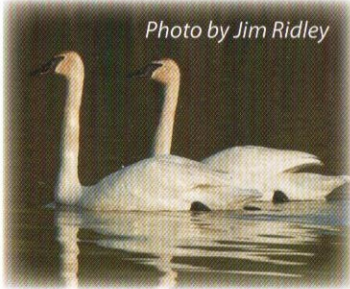


Protecting Our Trumpeter Swan

A Native Beauty Threatened

The trumpeter swan is native to Michigan, and is on our state's threatened species list. It has been on the road to recovery; however, the increasing presence of the invasive mute swan is threatening the breeding success of this native bird.

To ensure the protection of the trumpeter swan, the mute swan population must be drastically reduced.



How Can You Tell Them Apart?

The most notable difference between the mute swan and the two native swan species found in Michigan (trumpeter swan and tundra swan), is that adult mute swans have orange bills.



Mute Swan Trumpeter Swan Tundra Swan

Other tips to identify mute swans include:

- A black knob on the top of their bill
- "S" curve of the neck (trumpeter swans have a "C" curve)
- A quieter bird (trumpeter swans have a loud "trumpet" call)

Invasive = **orange**, native = **black**

What Is the DNR Doing?

- In the 1960s, the DNR expressed concerns over expanding mute swan numbers and began local control activities.
- The DNR's long-term goal is to reduce Michigan's population of this invasive species to less than 2,000 by 2030.
- Though hunting mute swans is not allowed, the DNR issues permits to remove mute swans and/or their nests and eggs.
- There are many conservation groups that support DNR's drastic reduction of mute swans numbers such as: The National Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited, The American Bird Conservancy and many more.
- Decreasing mute swan populations, and therefore reducing conflicts, is only possible with help from local landowners.

To learn more about the invasive mute swan problem, visit www.michigan.gov/muteswans or call 517-373-1263.

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Invading Michigan's Waters



A growing threat to native animals, habitat and humans



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