

SHOVELER, ARGENTINE RED

RANGE:

Southern South America, mainly in Argentina. Some do migrate to southern Brazil in winter.

HABITAT:

Shallow lakes and pools, wetlands, with dense reed beds, marshes and lagoons.

SIZE:

Length: Approximately 20 inches

REPRODUCTION:

- Breeding season is from November through December
- Males in this species are rarely seen with broods and there is no indication of male brood care.

DIET:

Small invertebrates and other small animals, vegetation

BEHAVIOR:

- Considered a dabbling duck. Can often be seen sifting the surface water and filtering out various small animals and plant food through "lamellae" in the beak. Lamellae are a series of tiny vertical slits between the upper and the lower bills along each side.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Species shows sexual dimorphism.
- Females are typically dull brown, which aids to camouflage them while nesting.
- Males generally more colorful and attractive, with reddish-brown mantle over its shoulders which is where the species gets its name. Large black spots also can be seen on the males.
- Popular species for hunting throughout Argentina.

STATUS:

Common

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Order:	Anseriformes
Family:	Anatidae
Genus:	Anas
Species:	platalea