



Pied-Billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*):

12-15" (30-38 cm). Compact and short-necked, with a thick bill. This bird changes its colors for the breeding season. In breeding season, the bill is white with a black ring ("pied"). While at other times, the bill is dull and pale. With brownish feathers overall, they develop a rusty tinge in winter and a black throat in summer.

They use their chunky bills to kill and eat large crustaceans along with a great variety of fish, amphibians, insects, and other invertebrates.

In the breeding season, they choose sites with heavy marsh vegetation but with some open water also. In migration and winter, they still are most likely to be found on marshy freshwater ponds, but also on more open waters, including estuaries and coastal bays.

Pied-Billed Grebe Migration Map

