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Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

The Black Swan is native to Australia and is found near water throughout that continent. In Florida, it can be found in many exotic waterfowl collections, and rarely, on urban lakes. It is not wild anywhere in Florida.

The 1 breeding record during the Atlas period occurred in Orlando, where several pairs of birds were recently introduced on Lake Eola [*editor*: two reports are shown on the map].

The Black Swan feeds chiefly on aquatic vegetation and prefers large open bodies of water.

The typical clutch consists of 4 to 7 greenish-white eggs, and the incubation period is 5 weeks. The young are capable of flight at approximately 3 months of age. The nests are mounds of grasses near the water's edge.

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