

ALERT!

Rare and endangered Greenland white-fronted geese are wintering in this area of Galloway.

These birds are a natural asset to the area. They are specially protected by law and it is an offence to shoot them.

Sometimes they mix with greylags and pink-footed geese, which can be hunted legally in the open season, and so it is important to recognise the differences between these species in order to avoid misidentification and accidental shooting.



**GREENLAND
WHITE-
FRONTED
GOOSE**



GREYLAG GOOSE



PINK-FOOTED GOOSE



CANADA GOOSE

Greenland white-fronted geese are medium-sized and rather compact. They are predominantly dark brown, and adults have prominent black bars on the belly and a distinctive white blaze at the base of the orange-yellow bill. It is important to note that young birds often don't have these markings. Compared to pink-footed and greylag geese, Greenland white-fronted geese appear more active in flight and do not have paler forewings. Identification details are in any good field guide.

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