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Colophon

The animal on the cover of *Kubernetes Patterns* is a red-crested whistling duck (*Netta rufina*). The species name *rufina* means "red-haired" in Latin. Another common name for them is "red-crested pochard," with pochard meaning "diving duck." The red-crested whistling duck is native to the wetlands of Europe and central Asia. Its population has also spread throughout northern African and south Asian wetlands.

Red-crested whistling ducks reach 1.5–2 feet in height and weigh 2–3 pounds when fully grown. Their wingspan is nearly 3 feet. Females have varying shades of brown feathers with a light face, and are less colorful than males. A male red-crested whistling duck has a red bill, rusty orange head, black tail and breast, and white sides.

The red-crested whistling duck's diet primarily consists of roots, seeds, and aquatic plants. They build nests in the vegetation beside marshes and lakes and lay eggs in the spring and summer. A normal brood is 8–12 ducklings. Red-crested whistling ducks are most vocal during mating. The call of the male sounds more like a wheeze than a whistle, and the female's is a shorter "vrah, vrah, vrah."

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