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#### SUMMARY

About methods of the counts of the Chinese Merganser (*Mergus squamatus*) and the Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*).  
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The count methods of the Chinese Merganser and the Mandarin, based on the study of the ecology of these species in 1980—1986 on the rivers of the eastern slopes of the Southern Sikhote-Alin are recommended. The counts of the Chinese Merganser during the period of arrival and egg laying (from the beginning of the second decade and to the end of the third decade of April) and of broods (in the third decade of June — the beginning of July) give some comparative results. It enables to investigate annually the large territories. The field characters of the adult males, females and birds of the 1st year are given. The down in the nest of the Chinese Merganser is of light-grey colour, tinged with steel shadow. The third decade of April is the most suitable time for the count of the Mandarin Duck when there are few transit birds and most of ones are concentrated on the rivers, and they are very active almost the whole day.