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n.

Any of various fish-eating diving ducks primarily of the genus *Mergus*, having a slim hooked bill. Also called *sheldrake*.

[New Latin : Latin *mergus*, diver (from *mergere*, to plunge) + Latin *ānser*, goose; see **ghans-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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