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Mandarin Duck

Male
mandarin
ducks have
beautiful brightly
colored feathers.



Females have dull gray
or brown feathers and
spotted chests.



Females choose tree hollows and nest boxes to lay their eggs in.



Mandarin ducks look for places to live that have plants and trees, such as near rivers, lakes, marshes, and swamps.



Mandarin Duck

They do not dive for food. Instead, they dip only their heads underwater.



Some of their favorite foods are seeds, nuts, acorns, and grains.





They also eat other animals, such as frogs, small fish, insects, and land snails.

Most mandarin ducks live 6 to 7 years, but some have lived as long as 12 years!





White-faced Whistling Duck

The white-faced whistling duck is named for its white face. Its feathers are chestnut and olive brown.



These ducks find food in wetlands during the dry season.



Females lay 4 to 13
creamy white or light
pink eggs.



Groups of these ducks
can be heard
making “whistling”
noises when
feeding or
flying.

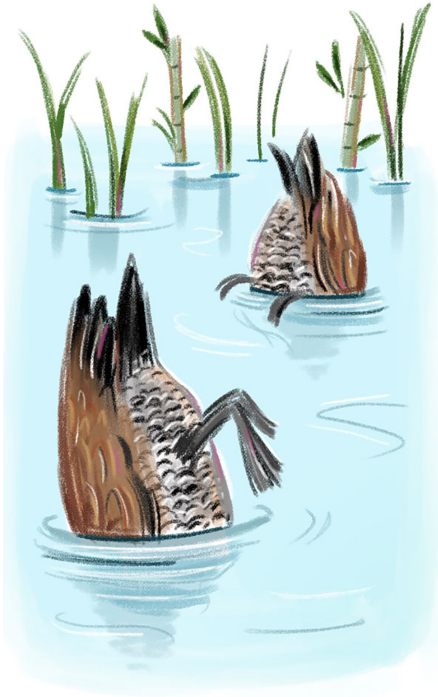


White-faced Whistling Duck

They feed at night, from dusk to dawn.



They love to eat water
insects, rice, seeds,
and weeds.



Whistling ducks find their food by wading, dabbling, and diving.

They are most often found in wetlands, but they are sometimes seen in swamps and rice paddies.





Pink-eared Duck

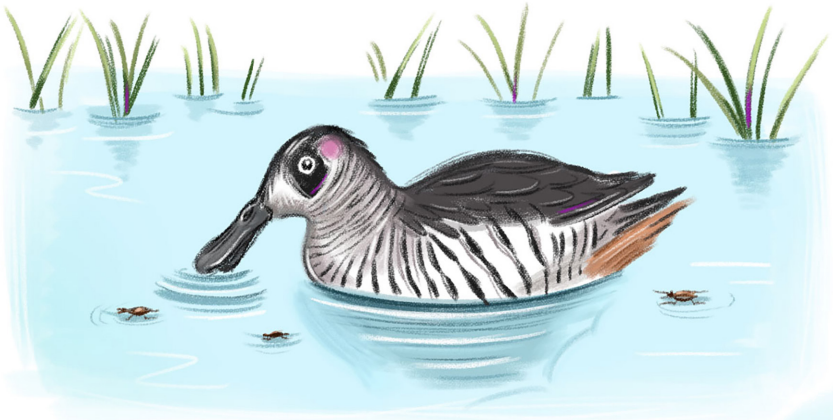
The pink-eared duck is named for the pink spot found near its ear.



They like to eat very small seeds and water insects.



Their feathers make a pattern of dark and light stripes.



Their flat bills make easy work of filtering food from mud and water.

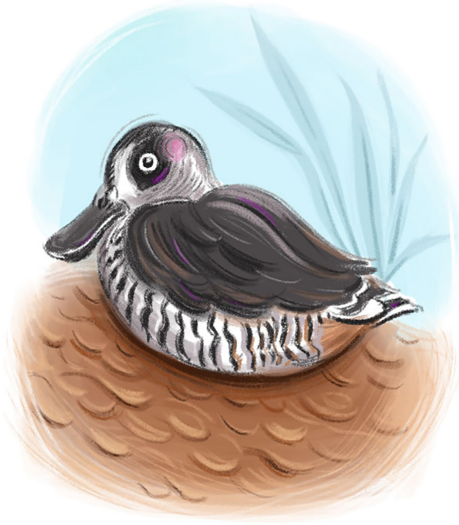


Pink-eared Duck

They make their homes over water in tree hollows or nest boxes.



Their eggs are creamy white, and females lay 6 to 8 eggs at a time.



Pink-eared ducks are found only in wet areas of Australia.

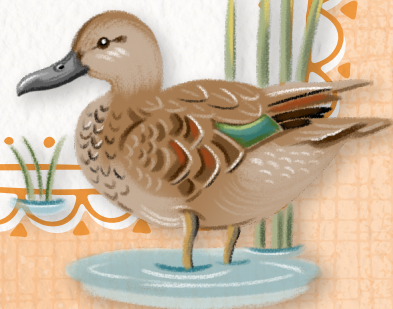
They like to live near any water and are often found around ponds and lakes.



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Red-eared Slider

Red-eared sliders can be spotted by the red patches near their ears.



Its skin has yellow and black stripes, and its shell is olive brown.



Ditches, ponds, rivers, and small lakes are all habitats this turtle calls home.



These turtles are named “slider” because they like to slide off rocks and logs into water.



Red-eared Slider

These turtles like to sleep underwater, on the bottom or floating near the top.



A red-eared slider
can live from 10 to 20
years.



In the winter they keep warm in cliffs by the river or by burying themselves in mud.

These turtles can mainly be found in the wild, but they were sold as house pets for many years.





Alligator Snapping Turtle

Alligator snapping turtles have large heads and shells full of big spiky scales.



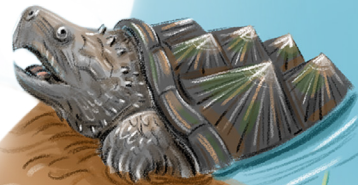
The adults have brown shells with spots that are yellowish brown.



The alligator snapping turtle likes to eat a mix of small fish, insects, frogs, snails, and plants.



These turtles live deep underwater. They do not like to spend their days in the sunshine.



Alligator Snapping Turtle

Females lay eggs with white shells. They can lay 9 to 61 eggs at a time!



Alligator snapping turtles can grow to more than 250 pounds.



This turtle catches fish by moving only its tongue, wiggling it like a worm.

This type of turtle is declining in some states, so they cannot be collected from the wild.





Ornate Box Turtle

The ornate box turtle is small and lives on land in its dome-shaped shell.



They have grayish brown skin with light yellow spots.



These turtles live in habitats like grassland fields, open woodlands, and rocky glades.



Ornate box turtles enjoy eating strawberries, earthworms, and insects like crickets, grasshoppers, and beetles.



Ornate Box Turtle

This turtle creates small nests, 1 to 3 inches deep, and can lay 2 to 8 eggs.



The females have yellow brown eyes, and the males have red eyes.



These turtles stay warm in the winter by digging into the soil and fallen leaves.

Ornate box turtles can live for 30 years, but some have lived as long as 50 years!



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Anna's Hummingbird

The Anna's hummingbird lives on the West Coast of North America.



These hummingbirds are 4 inches long and live about 8 years.



This hummingbird has a green back, green wings, and a gray chest.



The males have a pink or red color on their heads like a crown. Females do not.



Anna's Hummingbird

Females like to build their nests in oak trees.



It takes about one
week for a female to
build her nest.



These hummingbirds protect the flowers they want to eat from.

They like to eat from yellow, orange, and red flowers. They also eat insects.





Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Only male ruby-throated hummingbirds have red necks. Females have white necks.



They have green feathers and very fast wings.



Ruby-throated
hummingbirds love red
and orange flowers and
sugar water.



Cats sometimes try
to catch these
birds as they
drink the
sugar water.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Ruby-throated hummingbirds can see colors that humans cannot see.



Because they have
such short legs, they
cannot walk or hop.



These hummingbirds can fly up to 1,300 miles in one trip!

Sometimes when ruby-throated hummingbirds get tired, they like to rest in trees.





Blue-throated Hummingbird

Blue-throated hummingbirds are some of the biggest hummingbirds that live in America.



These hummingbirds have white stripes on their faces.



Males have blue throats,
and females have gray
throats.



Because they are bigger,
the wings of these
hummingbirds are
slower than other
hummingbirds'
wings.



Blue-throated Hummingbird

These birds like to sit by streams near gardens and flowers.



Sometimes blue-throated hummingbirds sing songs together.



They like to drink nectar from flowers and will even eat spiders.

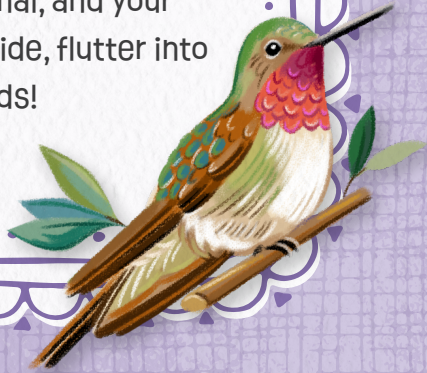
These birds work together to keep the area they live in safe.



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Holland Lop Rabbit

Holland lops are very cute rabbits! They have long ears and small noses.



Holland lops are calm and sweet, and they like to cuddle.



Holland lops are one of the smallest rabbit breeds in the world!



Many people like to have Holland lops as pet rabbits because they are cute and small.



Holland Lop Rabbit

Holland lops like to eat hay, vegetables, and rabbit pellets, and they love to be outside.



These small rabbits weigh 2 to 4 pounds when grown.



Holland lops
need to play
a lot and may
chew things
if they get
bored!

These rabbits
can be one of
many colors or
have patches
of color.





Belgian Hare Rabbit

Belgian hare rabbits are pretty and have brown, red, black, or tan coats.



They look a lot like their cousin, the English wild hare.



Belgian hares are gentle animals, but they can be scared by loud noises.



These rabbits make great pets and are some of the smartest rabbits. They can even learn tricks!



Belgian Hare Rabbit

Because they have lots of energy, Belgian hares need space to run and play.



Belgian hares have
long legs that help
them jump high.





They weigh 6 to 9 pounds when fully grown, and they have pointy ears.

Belgian hares like to eat hay, fruit, pellets, and vegetables. They don't like really hot weather.





Netherland Dwarf Rabbit

Netherland dwarf rabbits are the smallest rabbits. They weigh less than 3 pounds as adults!



They are one of the most popular rabbits in the world.



Netherland dwarf rabbits have small ears, noses, and faces, but big eyes.

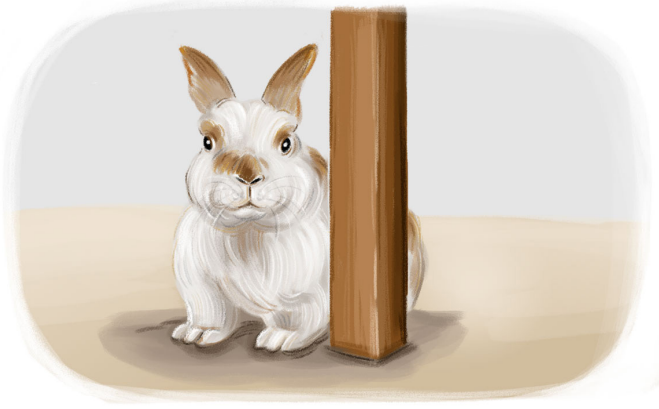


These rabbits come in more than 20 colors, like brown, black, blue, tan, gray, and orange.



Netherland Dwarf Rabbit

Like many rabbits,
Netherland dwarfs can
be scared by loud noises
or people.



Netherland dwarfs
like to eat greens,
fruit, and hay.





Netherland
dwarf rabbits
look a bit like
baby bunnies
their whole
lives!

These rabbits have
lots of energy
and are a little
bit more spunky
than other
rabbit breeds.



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