

# Mallard

Scientific name: *Anas platyrhynchos*



## Facts:

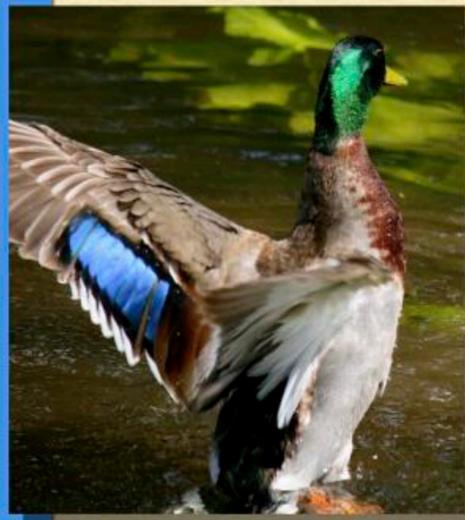
Length	20" - 26"
Wingspan	32" - 37"
Weight	Up to 3 lbs
Lifestyle	Social, Diurnal (active during daylight)
Lifespan	5 - 10 years

## Diet: Omnivore

Mallards are foragers and will dabble to feed, tipping forward in the water to eat seeds and vegetation. Mallards also pick at vegetation and prey on the ground.

## Behavior:

Paired males defend their territories with vigorous chases. Males court females by shaking the head side to side, looking over their shoulder, or raising up in the water and flapping their wings. Several males often gather around a female to display.



## Did you know?

The standard duck's quack is the sound of a female Mallard. Males don't quack; they make a quieter, rasping sound.

## Habitat:

Mallards can be found in marshes, bogs, lakes, floodplains, ponds, city parks, farms, and estuaries.

## Range:

The mallard is widely distributed across the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

