



is a Canvasback

You were banded by Ducks Unlimited Canada scientists one August at Delta Marsh, near Portage La Prairie, Manitoba

Earlier in the spring your mom laid you and seven other eggs in a floating nest made of cattail on a small, **deep wetland** in southern Manitoba. A redhead duck snuck in and also laid an egg in your nest. Your mom had to work hard to care for this extra duckling.

You soon learned how to **dive** deep into the water and use your strong bill to dig out tasty plant roots from the bottom. You also learned that **cattail** plants could hide you from the wind and predators like foxes.

When the weather turned cold on the Prairies, you flew to Long Point on Lake Erie where you were captured by researchers who recorded your band number and other information. You then migrated south to winter in **Maryland**, U.S.A. You'll return to the same spot in Canada next year to start your own family.

Conservation note: Canvasback numbers vary greatly depending on weather conditions and other factors. In the 1980s people were worried about this duck's survival but, by the 1990s the numbers were back to normal.

Banding or marking ducks is one way for scientists to learn about them and what they need to survive. Learn how you can help by visiting education.ducks.ca

WOW
The Canvasback can fly as fast as a car speeding down the highway at 120 km per hour!



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