



male

female



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is a

Green-winged teal

You were banded in the Missouri Couteau in southern Saskatchewan near Old Wives Lake. This hilly grassed area has many small wetlands and is a very important nesting area for ducks.

Your parents arrived in the spring to nest. After mating, mom laid you and seven other **creamy-white eggs** on the ground in a nest hidden by thick grass. Soon after hatching, you followed your mom to look for food in a small pothole – a type of wetland. You loved to eat **small invertebrates**, seeds and plants from along the water's surface.

Once you'd grown your flight feathers it was time to **migrate** south. Each year, you winter at wetlands on the coast of Texas, U.S.A..

Conservation note: Because they nest in remote northern habitats, green-winged teal numbers continue to be healthy.

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
Green-winged teal are tiny but can fly 70 km per hour – faster than a car in the city!



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