



is a Mallard

You were banded on Centre Island last August by a Ducks Unlimited Canada scientist. Centre Island is just a short ferry ride from downtown Toronto.

Your mom laid you and 11 other **greenish-coloured eggs** in May. After you hatched in June, your mother led you and your family to the marsh to eat. You are a dabbling duck who feeds by straining **invertebrates**, seeds and plants from the water with your large bill.

Last fall, after you had all of your new **flight feathers**, you migrated with your family to a coastal wetland in South Carolina, USA, however many mallards only fly as far south as they need to each year to find open water and food.

Conservation note: The most abundant and widely recognized duck in the world, this “puddle duck” will nest near any tiny body of water – including a backyard swimming pool!

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
Mallards fly higher than any other duck
– over 6 kilometres above the earth!



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