



male

female

is a Mallard

You were banded at the Léon Provencher marsh near Quebec City in early April while searching for bugs to eat. Your mate, a female or hen, had just laid 12 **greenish-coloured** eggs in a nest hidden in a grassy field

You left after nesting was underway, while your mate stayed to keep the eggs warm and care for the young when they hatched. You needed to find a large marsh to begin your **moult** – a time when you lost your old, worn feathers and grew new ones. You often hid from predators in the reeds during this time, because you couldn't fly to escape them

By late summer you joined with other mallards to migrate south and were spotted in Delaware, U.S.A. in early November.

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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