

# is a Mallard

You were banded last August near St. Denis, Saskatchewan by Ducks Unlimited Canada scientists.

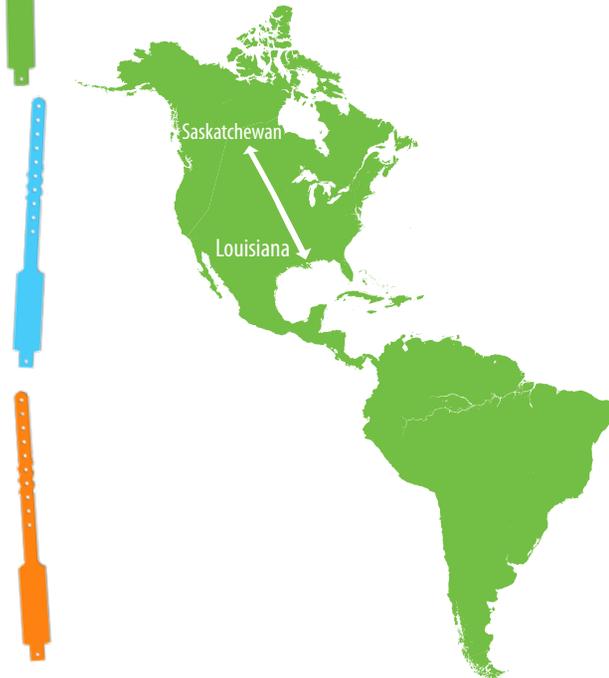
Your mom had laid you and 11 other **greenish-coloured eggs** in May. After you hatched in June, your mother led you and your family to the marsh to eat. You are a dabbling duck who feeds by straining **invertebrates**, seeds and plants from the water with your large bill.

Last fall, after growing your **flight feathers**, you migrated with your family south to the coastal wetlands in Louisiana, U.S.A. You found a mate while wintering here, and this spring you had your own nest near a wetland close to St. Denis, where you were hatched.

**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](http://education.ducks.ca)

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



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