



is a Pintail

You were banded at the Kitsim Marshes, near Brooks, Alberta and will spend the winter in the rice fields of **California**.

Your parents arrived in Alberta in the early spring. After mating, your mother nested and laid **seven eggs**. Less than a day after you hatched, you followed your mom on a long walk to a small pond where there were plenty of water plants and **invertebrates** to eat. However, this pond dried up during the hot summer, just like many other small wetlands do naturally each year.

Lucky for you, pintail young grow quickly and you soon migrated south, where you could find plenty of food during the winter.

Conservation note: During the past 20 years pintail numbers have dropped dramatically. Ducks Unlimited Canada scientists are working hard with others to find out why and ways to help the pintail recover.

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
A pintail skeleton was found at 4998 metres (16,400 feet) during the 1952 expedition to Mt. Everest!



Active by nature.