



male

female



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is a Pintail

You are a northern pintail. You were banded on a large **wetland** called Luck Lake, in southern Saskatchewan, and will spend the winter in the rice fields of **California**.

Your mother laid you and six other eggs in early spring in a nest located in a field of **winter wheat**. 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 in mid July, just like many other small wetlands do each hot summer.

Lucky for you, pintail young grow quickly and you soon migrated south, where there was plenty of food for the winter months.

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!



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