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female



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is a

American Wigeon

You were banded as a two year old bird in a large wetland near Williams Lake, British Columbia during your fall migration.

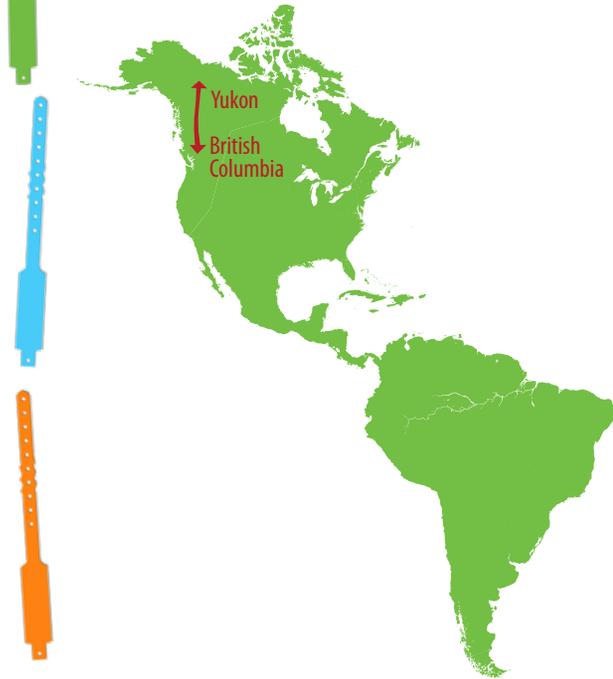
In your first year of life your parents had flown to the Yukon for nesting. After mating, your mom laid you and **eight other eggs** in a shallow, feather-filled nest, well-hidden by grasses. After you hatched, and when you were only a day old, you followed your mom on a short walk to the nearest wetland, where there were plenty of green plants to eat.

In the fall you flew from the Yukon to spend winter off the coast of southern British Columbia. Here you joined other wigeons to feed in grassy areas, in farm fields or in tidal ocean mudflats where you could feed on **tasty plants** like eelgrass and sea lettuce.

Conservation note: Wigeon numbers have been declining in recent years. Ducks Unlimited scientists and others are working hard to find ways to reverse this.

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

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American wigeons used to be called "Baldpate" because the white patch on the male's head makes them look bald.



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