

is a
Wood duck

You were banded in spring in a wooded **beaver pond** (a type of wetland) near Lake Ontario, where you were nesting.

A year earlier your parents came here to nest too. Your mom laid you and nine other creamy **white eggs** in an old woodpecker hole. Like most wood ducks, your mom preferred to nest in a natural cavity, or hole in a tree. Many people help wood ducks by putting up wooden "**nest boxes**" for them to build nests in.

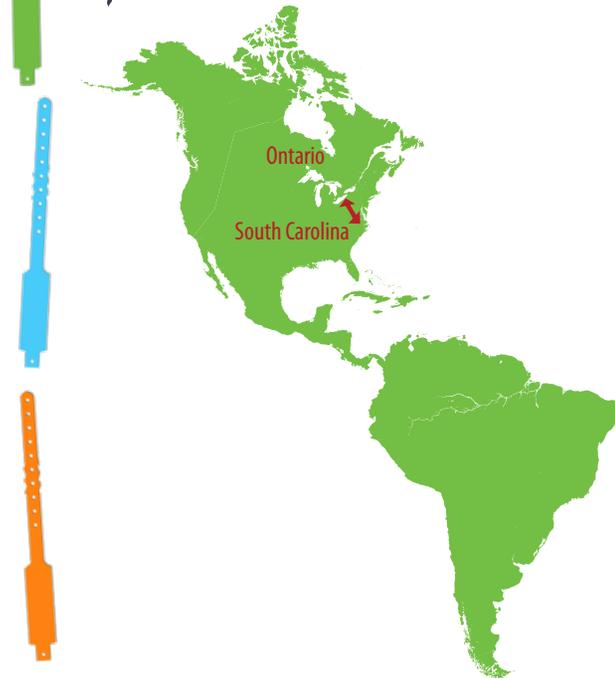
When the weather turned cold in the fall, you **migrated** south. You found a winter home along the coast of South Carolina, U.S.A. where there were plenty of plants and seeds to eat.

When you return to Canada next spring, you'll look just like your famous dad, with a colourful head and shiny feathers.

Conservation note: Wood ducks depend on hollows in old trees for nesting. Through Ducks Unlimited Canada's efforts, people have installed thousands of nest boxes in wetlands to help conserve this beautiful bird.

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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After hatching, the ducklings jump down from their tree nests but they are so light and fluffy they don't get hurt when they hit the ground!



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