



# is a American black duck

You were banded in late summer near the shores of Lac St-Jean in the **boreal forest**, as part of a Ducks Unlimited Canada research study

You and your mate arrived at the marsh in spring. She laid seven **greenish-white** eggs in a nest hidden under some plants. Once the eggs hatched, she stayed with the ducklings for seven weeks until they were able to fly.

You left your mate before the eggs hatched to **moult** - a time when you lost your old feathers and grew fresh new ones. You couldn't fly while moulting your wing feathers, so you relied on your speed and camouflage to avoid a hungry **mink**.

When the weather turned cold in the fall, you joined with other ducks to **migrate** south and will winter at the same marsh as last year, on the coast of **Georgia**, U.S.A.

**Conservation note:** Black duck numbers have been dropping for the last 50 years. Ducks Unlimited Canada 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](http://education.ducks.ca)



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