

Waterfowl

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Chapter 1: Ducks

Ducks live in a wide variety of wetland habitats including lakes, rivers, ponds, marshes, and coastal areas around the world.

1.1: Neck profile

Ducks generally have relatively short to medium-length necks compared to geese or swans, with dabbling ducks like the mallard

and teal featuring compact, sturdy necks suited for surface feeding, while some species such as the northern pintail possess noticeably longer and more slender necks that give them an elegant profile.

Duck type	Neck profile
Mallard	short and thick
Common Teal	Very short, slim

Table 1: Duck neck profile

1.2: Diet

Ducks are omnivores that mainly eat aquatic plants, seeds, insects, small fish, snails, and crustaceans.

Chapter 2: Geese

Geese primarily live in wetlands, lakes, rivers, marshes, and grassy fields near water, where they graze on grass, aquatic plants, grains, and seeds.

2.1: Neck length

Geese have noticeably longer necks than ducks.

Goose type	Neck profile
Canada Goose	Long and thick
Greylag Goose	robust, often held in a gentle S-curve

Table 2: Geese neck profile