



# DUCK FACT CARDS


<b>Mallard</b>	<b>Is the ancestor of most domestic ducks</b>	
<b>Has an orange and brown bill</b>	<b>Lives in wetlands</b>	
<b>Has different plumage for males and females</b>	<b>Eats water plants and small animals</b>	
<b>Is the most common duck in New Zealand</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i></b>	
<b>Has bright orange legs and feet</b>	<b>Is an invasive pest</b>	
		<b>Is hunted</b>
		<b>Has no Māori name</b>


<b>Scaup</b>	<b>Females don't have yellow eyes</b>	
<b>Has several different names</b>	<b>Males have yellow eyes</b>	
<b>Is found in many lakes and rivers</b>	<b>Is not threatened but is protected</b>	
<b>Food includes snails, caddisfly larvae</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Aythya novaeseelandiae</i></b>	
<b>Is a dark brown/black colour</b>	<b>Is the only true diving duck in New Zealand</b>	
		<b>Is endemic</b>
		<b>The Māori name is pāpango</b>


<b>Grey teal</b>	<b>Has bright crimson eyes</b>	
<b>Has pale cheeks</b>	<b>Has a dark grey bill</b>	
<b>Is smaller than the mallard and grey duck</b>	<b>Is not threatened but is protected</b>	
<b>Is mostly grey-brown</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Anas gracilis</i></b>	
<b>Lives in freshwater lakes, lagoons and swamps</b>	<b>Has naturalised from Australia</b>	
		<b>Eats small aquatic invertebrates and seeds</b>
		<b>The Māori name is tētē</b>

<b>New Zealand shoveler</b>	<b>Has yellow eyes</b>	
<b>Females have a brown bill</b>	<b>Males have a black bill</b>	
<b>Males and females are very different</b>	<b>Is not threatened and not protected</b>	
<b>Has a spoon-shaped bill</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Anas rhynchos variegata</i></b>	
<b>Lives in freshwater wetlands</b>	<b>Is endemic</b>	
		<b>Eats plankton, seeds and invertebrates</b>
		<b>The Māori name is kuruwhengi</b>

<b>Brown teal</b>	<b>Has white eye-rings</b>	
<b>Is darkish brown</b>	<b>Is a reluctant flier</b>	
<b>Eats invertebrates and vegetation</b>	<b>Has the lowest numbers of any New Zealand duck</b>	
<b>Is a dabbling duck</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Anas chlorotis</i></b>	
<b>Was common in kahikatea forest swamps</b>	<b>Is endemic</b>	
		<b>The South Island species is extinct, and the North Island species is at risk – recovering</b>
		<b>The Māori name is pāteke</b>

<b>Blue duck</b>	<b>Is one of only a few torrent ducks in the world</b>	
<b>Is very well camouflaged</b>	<b>Lives in fast-flowing, clean rivers and streams</b>	
<b>Has a soft, rubbery bill</b>	<b>Is a small, blue-grey duck</b>	
<b>Is a nationally vulnerable species and is protected</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos</i></b>	
<b>Is pictured on the \$10 note</b>	<b>Is endemic</b>	
		<b>Eats invertebrates from the surfaces of rocks</b>
		<b>The Māori name is whio</b>

<b>Paradise shelduck</b>	<b>Both sexes have green, chestnut and white wings</b>		
<b>Has striking plumage</b>	<b>Usually live in pairs</b>		
<b>Grazes on grass and weeds</b>	<b>Is a prized game bird</b>		
<b>Is not threatened</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Tadorna variegata</i></b>		<b>Has benefited from human impact</b>
<b>Inhabits a wide range of habitat</b>	<b>Is endemic</b>		<b>The Māori name is pūtangitangi</b>

<b>Muscovy duck</b>	<b>Most were domestic ducks</b>		
<b>Is mostly white</b>	<b>Has a red-wattled face around a pale brown beak</b>		
<b>Eats plant material and small aquatic organisms</b>	<b>Often roosts in trees at night</b>		
<b>Is not threatened</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Cairina moschata</i></b>		<b>Is not protected</b>
<b>Lives in swamps and freshwater</b>	<b>Was introduced</b>		<b>Has no Māori name</b>

<b>Grey duck</b>	<b>Has a green speculum, grey bill and brown legs</b>	
<b>Is darkish brown</b>	<b>Is not protected</b>	
<b>Eats mostly plants and invertebrates</b>	<b>Interbreeds with mallards</b>	
<b>Is critically endangered</b>	<b>The scientific name is <i>Anas superciliosa superciliosa</i></b>	<b>Is endemic</b>
<b>Is often mistaken for a mallard</b>	<b>Lives in wetlands and streams</b>	<b>The Māori name is pārerā</b>