

Create your own **fantasy duck** using real-life birds as your inspiration.

Cracking good fun for all the family!

Take a look online and see what you can discover about **WEIRD & WONDERFUL** ducks from around the world - our national and WWT centres' social media is a great place to start.

Fold this piece of paper along the dotted lines (see reverse) and draw the head, body, legs and feet of a different duck each time to create your very own fantasy duck.

We've suggested some types of duck overleaf but you can draw the different parts of any ducks for this activity.

When you've finished, unfold the paper to reveal your very own weird and wonderful bird to colour in.



Did you know...?

1 The **common Eider** is one of the fastest flying birds, clocking in at around **47mph**.



2 **Female Eiders** are known to **poo** over their eggs if they sense a predator. We think it's to help disguise their nests.

3 A quick way to work out who **looks after the ducklings** is if mum and dad are the **same colour** they share the work, but **if dad is brightly coloured** and **mum is brown** then **mum does the looking after**.

4 **Common shelducks** have an incredible **babysitting** service with a single pair often rounding up and looking after **'creches' of up to 100 ducklings**.



5 A group of **common teal** is called a **'spring'** because **they take off vertically**.

6 **Whistling ducks** clean each other's faces as a way of **strengthening their pairing**. It's thought that the **white-faced** whistling duck has a white face to **help guide its partner where to clean**.



Share your fantasy ducks with us

TUFT e.g. Tufted

Fold

HEAD / BEAK e.g. Eider

Fold

BODY / WINGS e.g. Mandarin

Fold

LEGS e.g. Indian Runner

Fold

FEET e.g. Mallard