

PNW Dabbling Ducks

Dabbling ducks enjoy flooded areas, and marshes. They flip upside down to catch their food, instead of diving under the water. The ducks mentioned below are the common ducks you will see in this area.



Mallard

Scientific Name: *Anas platyrhynchos*

Time of year: Visible year-round.

Diet: Seeds, stems, and roots of aquatic plants.

Appearance: Males will have grey/brown bodies with iridescent green heads with a white collar. Females will have a brown body, black stripe going across the eye. Both have orange feet and blue/purple patch on the side of the body.

Wood Duck

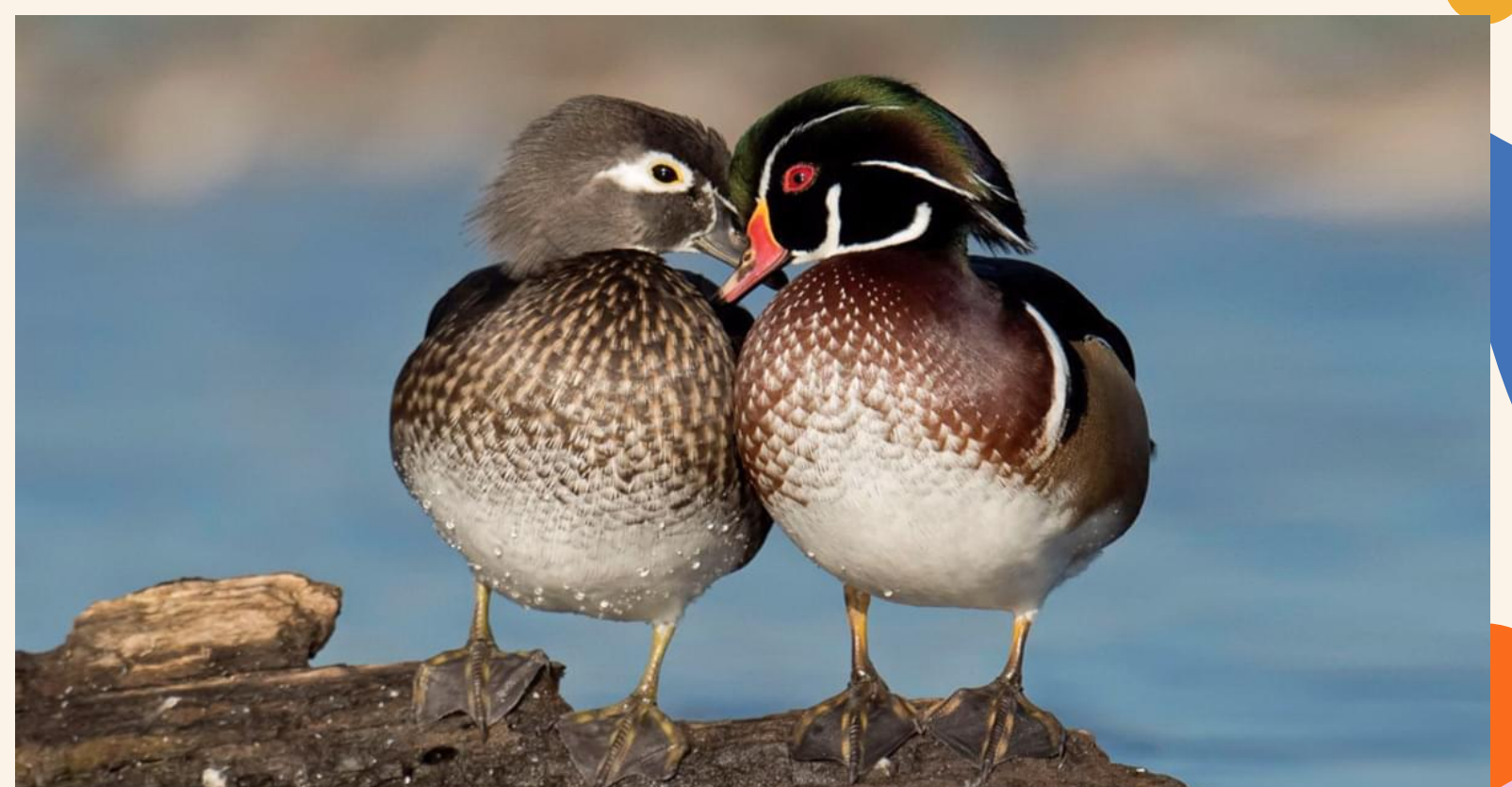
Scientific Name: *Aix sponsa*

Time of year: Visible during winter.

Diet: Young ducks will eat bugs. Adults eat seeds, nuts, and plants.

Appearance: Males have red eyes, green crested head, with white stripes and a brown chest. Females have grey/brown chests, with a white ring around the eye.

Both have helmeted heads.



Green-Winged Teal

Scientific Name: *Anas crecca*

Time of year: Visible during fall, winter, and early spring.

Diet: Seeds, grasses, insects, and tadpoles.

Appearance: Males have a red/brown head with a green ear patch. A white bar on the side of the chest, and a yellow bottom. Females are small, with a brown body, and a brown eye stripe. Both are small birds, with grey legs, and grey bills.



American Widgeon

Scientific Name: *Anas americana*

Time of year: Visible during fall, winter, and early spring.

Diet: Aquatic plants, grasses in wet meadows.

Appearance: Males have a white patch on the forehead, iridescent green band from eye to back of the head. Pink/brown chest.

Females have grey heads and brown bodies. Both have blue/gray legs and small blue/grey bills. They can be identified when flying through their white shoulders.

