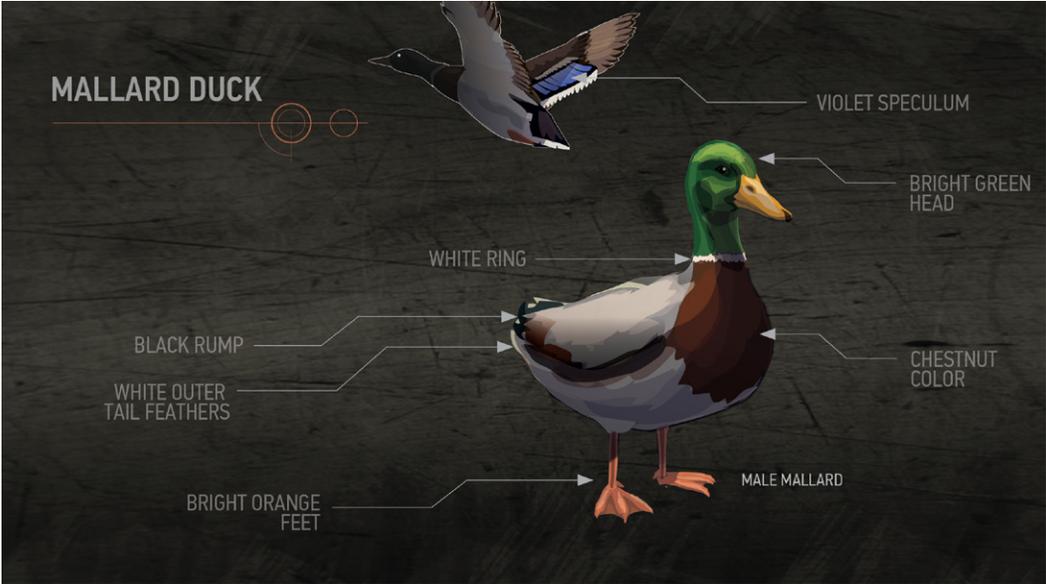


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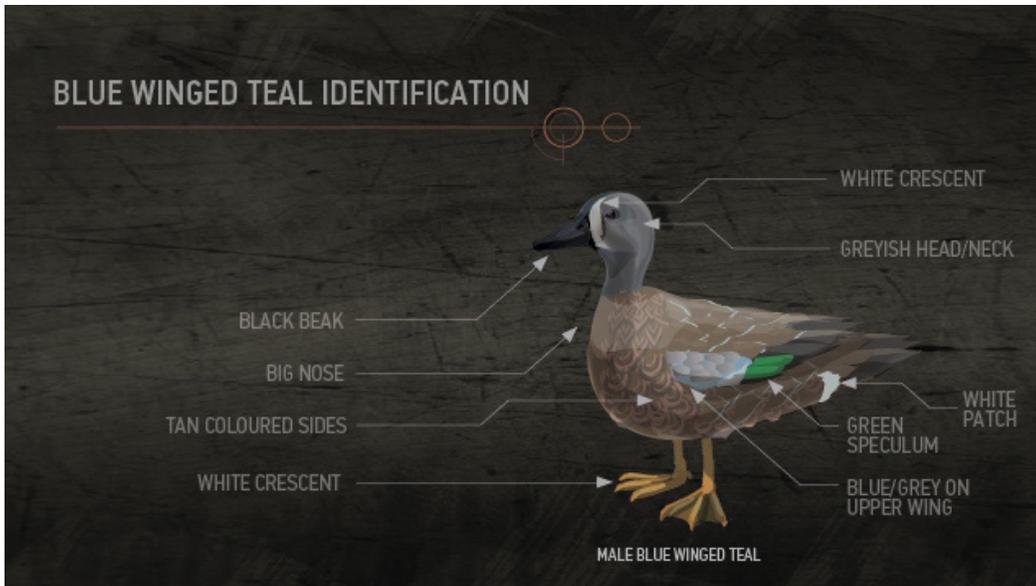
MALLARD DUCK



IDENTIFICATION

Easy to recognize, a male mallard will have a white ring around his neck, a chestnut-colored chest, a bright green head, a violet-colored speculum, greyish-colored sides, a black rump and white outer feathers on his tail. Female mallards are much more vocal and are mainly brownish in color, lacking the vibrant, green color on their head that males have. Both males and females have a violet-colored speculum and bright orange feet.

BLUE WINGED TEAL



IDENTIFICATION

Male blue-wings have a greyish-colored head and neck with a white crescent shape in front of their eyes that's edged in black. The upper part of their wings is always a blue-grey color. They also have black bills, a green speculum, yellow or orange feet, a whitish color under their wings, tan-colored sides and a white patch on their bottoms. Female teals are mostly brownish-grey in color, with brown heads, dark crowns and a white crescent shape in front of their eyes. They also have a blue upper wing color although it's not as bright as the males.

DUCK CALLS

The 'Basic Quack': It's an easy one. You just say a number sounds or words into the call to create the 'quack' sound. Try it out and see what sounds or words work best for you. I prefer 'hoot', 'quack', 'hut', or 'quit'. Any of these words will end up sounding like "quack". Just make sure you fully articulate the word. Ducks know the difference between 'qua' and 'quack'.

The 'Greeting Call': This one will bring the ducks your way if they are flying off in the distance but within ear shot. For this one, you simply make 5 to 7 quacking sounds in quick succession. Keep a good rhythm- with the first quack being the loudest, and let the last ones dwindle off.

The 'Lonesome Hen Call'. This is a series of irregular, low pitched, nasally sounding quacks. Basically, you want to space the sounds out in the beginning, and then quicken them up in the end.

CANADA GOOSE



IDENTIFICATION

The Canada Goose is the most common goose species in North America. You've seen them around. They have long black necks and a small black head with white patches on their cheeks. Their bodies can be a greyish color or a brownish color and they have a white collar around their neck. When flying in a group, their trademark move is to fly in a 'V' shape and honk, and honk, and honk...

GOOSE CALLS

Geese are very vocal birds and they make a variety of vocalizations including 'hail calls', 'clicks', 'comeback calls', 'whines' and 'moans'.

[Beginners should know the following to get started calling geese:](#)

The 'Long Range Hail Call': This call is the classic 'honk'. Make the right sound and you can attract geese from a fair distance away. It's a two-part sound that starts with a low growl and ends with a high, sharp sound. When they start flying toward you, speed it up and quiet it down.

The 'Cluck': You make the 'cluck' sound once you have their full and complete attention. It's a repetitive, sharp, high-pitched honking sound. It should sound like "onk" when it comes out of the call device. Cluck steadily and get quieter as the geese fly closer to you.