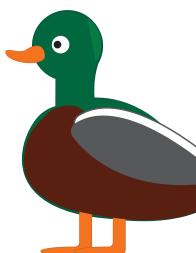
wildlife Mallard Ducks

Believe it or not, mallard ducks are a part of the natural world in New York City. You might see one in your own neighborhood!

Did you know?

- · Mallard ducks are well-suited to living on water. Their feathers keep them dry and warm.
- · Mallard ducks are also strong flyers. They can travel through the air up to 55 miles per hour.
- The classic "quack" sound is made by female mallards. Males have a lower, raspier sound.
- Ducks stay healthy by eating aquatic plants and small insects. Avoid feeding them human food like bread and corn, which does not give them the vitamins they need.
- Don't get too close. You may scare it away. Grab a pair of binoculars to get the best view.



DUCK DIET

Keep ducks healthy by not feeding them human food. Eating bread can be especially harmful to young ducks that are still growing. Color only the items below that are part of a duck's natural diet.



POPCORN



DUCKWEED



DRAGONFLY





WORD JUMBLE

Use words from the word bank to fill in the following sentences.

Each feather has a strong, central <u>A</u> that ends in a
hollow $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ On either side is a $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ made up of
Birds have an inner layer of soft and fuzzy
feathers to keep them warm.

Fill in the sentence using the numbered letters from above.

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WORD BANK

Shaft	Barbs
Vane	Interlocking
Quill	Downy

CAMOUFLAGE FREE DRAW

A female duck uses camouflage to hide from predators—the color of her feathers matches the plants surrounding her.

Draw a pond with a female duck and her ducklings. Add areas where they can use camouflage to hide from predators.

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