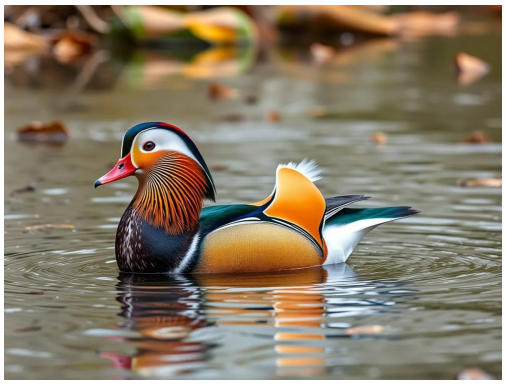
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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mandarin Duck

Aix galericulata

Aix galericulata is a tree-nesting duck of East Asia, and the drake's plumage includes a feature found in almost no other bird: a pair of "sails", enlarged tertial feathers on the back that stand ver…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Anatidae
Habitat: Wooded ponds, slow-moving rivers, and lakes near forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 0.5-0.7 kg
Scientific name: Aix galericulata

Did you know?

- After hatching, ducklings leap from their tree nest to the ground, sometimes from heights of over 10 meters, without injury.
- A mandarin drake's upright orange "sails" have no aerodynamic function and are used purely in display, raised and flicked at rivals and hens. The fam…

What I learned

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