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Animal Fact Sheet

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Wood Duck

Aix sponsa

The wood duck (Aix sponsa) nests in tree cavities, sometimes 15 metres above the ground and often over dry land rather than water, which creates one of the more startling sights in North American nat…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Anatidae
Habitat: Wooded swamps, marshes, streams, and forested wetlands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years in the wild
Weight: 454–862 grams
Scientific name: Aix sponsa

Did you know?

- Wood Duck ducklings are able to swim and find their own food just hours after hatching, even after leaping from heights of up to 15 meters (50 feet) …
- Day-old wood ducklings jump from tree cavities up to 15 metres above the ground and bounce off the leaf litter unhurt, because they are too light to …

What I learned

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