

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Wood Duck

*Aix sponsa*

The Wood Duck is a strikingly colorful and medium-sized perching duck native to North America. Males are distinguished by their iridescent green and purple crests, red eyes, and ornate patterns, whil...

### 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) ...
- Wood Ducks are one of the few North American ducks able to nest in trees, and their ducklings are known for leaping from the nest to the ground short...

### What I learned

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