

British Nature Guide

Mallards



A male Mallard is called a drake and a female is called a duck. A young Mallard is called a duckling. Mallards live near to rivers, ponds or lakes and they feed on plants, seeds and berries. The male has a green head and a yellow beak. The female has a brown head and brown beak. The beak can also be called a bill. Both male and female have orange legs.



The female lays about eight eggs and sits on them to keep them warm for four weeks until they hatch. The young are brown like their mother. The mother looks after the fluffy ducklings for about eight weeks until they are old enough to fly and to find food for themselves.