



Duck Fact File

A baby duck is called a duckling and a male duck is called a drake. Females are called hens.



Ducks have webbed feet which helps them to be good swimmers. They lay eggs once a year and are omnivorous meaning they eat both plants and tiny animals.

A mummy duck needs to sit on her eggs for 28 days before they will hatch into ducklings. They then stay in the nest to dry out for about 10 hours. The next morning the mummy duck will take her ducklings down to the water to feed. When ducklings are born they look different from their parents as they do not have their waterproof feathers yet.



Many ducks are migratory. This means they spend the summer months in a different place to the winter months.

