
Call Duck

Anas platyrhynchos domesticus

Class: *Aves*

Order: *Anseriformes*

Family: *Anatidae*

Characteristics:

The smallest breed of domestic duck, call ducks can come in a variety of colors and patterns; the call ducks at Idaho Falls Zoo are white with bright orange beak and feet.

Behavior:

Easy-going and a friendly, personable duck often used as a pet or for ornamental purposes. They are quite loud, hence their name.

Reproduction:

Call ducks tend to lay fewer eggs in winter than in spring and lay around 50 to 150 eggs per year.

Diet:

Wild: Plant material and invertebrates

Zoo: Scratch grains, greens, occasionally mealworms

Conservation:

None as they are a domesticated species.

FYI:

Also known as the decoy duck, they were originally bred for their loud raucous call to acts as living decoys to bring in wild ducks. The call of these little ducks would lure the wild species within gun range (Ashton Waterfowl).



Range & Habitat:

May have originated in Asia, but first documented in captivity in Holland.



Lifespan: up to 10 years in captivity

Special Adaptations: Loud, raucous call

IUCN Conservation Status:
Least Concern

