

General Care/breeding/rearing scales:	Nest site preferences:	Aggression (compatibility) scale:
1: Basic	1: Dense natural cover (grasses, sedges, etc.)	1. OK for mixed flock
2: Challenging	2: Sparse natural cover (rocks, shallow depression, etc.)	2. Use caution in mixed flock
3: Difficult	3: Nest box on the ground	3. Unsafe for mixed flock
Availability in aviculture scale (as of 2012):	4: Buried nest box with tunnel entrance	Hardiness scale*:
1: Readily available	5: A-frame, three sided nest box, stick wigwam, etc.	1. Winter hardy
2: Occasionally available	6: Floating raft of heavy vegetation	2. May need winter shelter
3: Rarely available	7: Large vegetation pile (sticks, reeds, straw, etc.)	3. Winter shelter required
Recommended diet:	8: Elevated nest box	*all species should have access to open water at all times.
1: Basic duck pellet	Sources: Gereg, I. 2011. Personal communication. Kear, J. 2005, editor. Ducks, geese and swans. Oxford University Press, London. Kraemer, J. 2011. Personal communication. Smith, T. 2011. Personal communication.	
2: Dry dog food		
3: Sea duck diet		
4: Grains and seeds		
5: Greens (grass, lettuce, etc.)		
6: Brine shimp, krill, fish, etc.		

Swans	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Black	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	7	4-6	pale green to greenish white
Black-necked	2	2	3	1	2	1,4,5	2	7	4-6	glossy cream
Coscoroba	1	2	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	7	5-9	white
Mute	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	7	5-9	pale green
Trumpeter	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	7	4-6	creamy white to dull white
Tundra (Whistling, Bewick's)	1	3	1	2	1	1,4,5	3	7	3-5	creamy white
Whooper	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	7	4-6	creamy white
Whistling-ducks and allies	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Black-bellied (Red-billed)	1	1	1	2	3	1,4,5	1	8	10-14	white to creamy white
Cuban (Black-billed)	1	1	1	2	3	1,4,5	2	1,3,8	6-10	cream
Fulvous	1	1	1	2	3	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-16	white to buff white
Javan (Lesser)	1	2	1	2	3	1,4,5	3	8	7-17	ivory white
Plumed (Eyton's)	1	2	1	2	3	1,4,5	2	1,3	6-10	milky white w/ cream tinge
Spotted	1	2	1	2	3	1,4,5	3	1,8	10-12	white
Wandering	1	1	1	2	3	1,4,5	3	1,3	6-12	creamy white
White-backed Duck	2	3	2	2	3	1,4,5	3	1,6	4-10	milk chocolate brown
White-faced	1	1	1	2	3	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-8	creamy white w/ pink tinge
Northern Geese	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Bar-headed	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	white
Barnacle	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	white
Brant (all races)	1	3	1	1	1	1,4,5	3	2	3-5	creamy white w/ greenish tinge
Cackling (all races)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	3-6	creamy white
Canada (all races)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5,7	4-6	creamy white
Emperor	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	creamy white

Northern Geese, continued	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Greater White-fronted (all races)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	white to creamy white
Greylag	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	2,5	4-6	creamy white
Hawaiian (Nene)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,3,5	4-6	white to creamy white
Lesser White-fronted	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	2,5	4-6	white to creamy white
Pink-footed	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	2,5	4-6	white
Red-breasted	1	3	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	2,3,5	4-8	creamy white w/ greenish tinge
Ross'	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	2,5	3-5	white to pinkish white
Snow Goose (Lesser and Greater)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	white
Swan	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	2,5	4-6	white
Sheldgeese	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Andean	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,5	6-8	off white
Ashy-headed	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,5	4-6	light brown
Blue-winged	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,5	4-9	cream
Egyptian	1	1	1	3	1	1,4,5	1	2,3,4,5, 8	5-10	white to creamy white
Magellan (Lesser and Greater)	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,5	4-8	light brown
Orinoco	1	2	1	3	3	1,4,5	2	1,3,4,8	6-10	pale brownish cream
Ruddy-headed	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,5	4-6	light brown
Aberrant Waterfowl	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Cereopsis	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	2,5	4-6	creamy white
Freckled Duck	1	2	1	1	2	1,4,5	3	1,3	5-7	creamy white
Magpie	1	2	1	2	3	1,4,5	3	7	7-9	cream to yellowish white
Pink-eared Duck	2	3	3	1	3	1,3,5,6	3	1,3,8	6-8	creamy white
Shelducks and allies	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Australian	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	2	3,4	6-12	creamy white
Bronze-winged Duck	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	3	1,3,5	4-6	cream
Cape	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	2	3,4	6-12	creamy white
Common (European)	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	3,4	6-12	creamy white
Crested Duck (Andean and Patagonian)	1	2	1	3	1	1,4,5	3	1,3	5-8	cream
Paradise (New Zealand)	1	2	1	2	1	1,4,5	2	3,4	6-12	creamy white
Radjah	1	2	1	2	2	1,4,5	2	3,8	6-10	creamy white
Ruddy	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	3,4	6-12	creamy white
Steamer Ducks	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Flying	2	2	2	3	1	2,3,6	3	1,3	5-9	white to buff
Magellanic	2	2	2	3	1	2,3,6	3	1,3	4-8	white to buff
Stifftails and allies	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Argentine Ruddy Duck	2	2	3	1	2	1,2,4,5	3	1,3,6	3-5	white
Black-headed Duck	2	3	3	1	3	1,2,4,5	3	parasitic (1,3)	5-16	white
Maccoa Duck	2	2	3	2	2	1,2,4,5	3	1,3,6	4-6	white
North American Ruddy Duck	2	2	3	1	2	1,2,4,5	2	1,3,6	5-8	white
White-headed Duck	2	2	3	1	2	1,2,4,5	3	1,3,6	4-6	white

Perching Ducks and allies	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
African Pygmy Goose	2	3	3	1	3	1,4,5	3	8	6-10	creamy white
Australian Wood Duck (Maned Goose)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	3,8	8-12	white to creamy white
Comb Duck (Old World & New World)	1	2	1	2	2	1,4,5	3	8	6-10	Glossy white to yellowish
Green Pygmy Goose	2	3	3	1	3	1,4,5	3	8	6-10	creamy white
Hartlaub's Duck	1	3	1	2	2	1,4,5	3	3,8	7-10	creamy white
Indian Pygmy Goose	2	3	3	1	3	1,4,5	3	8	6-9	creamy white
Mandarin Duck	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	8	8-14	white to buff
Muscovy Duck	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	8	8-10	white
North American Wood Duck	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	8	10-14	white
Spur-winged Goose (White and Black)	1	2	1	2	2	1,4,5	3	1,3, 5	8-10	ivory to pale brown
White-winged Wood Duck	1	2	1	1	2	1,4,5	3	8	6-12	white with greenish tinge
Dabbling Ducks	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
African Black Duck	1	2	1	3	2	1,4,5	3	1,3	4-8	pale yellow
American Black Duck	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	7-12	cream to pale buffish green
American Wigeon	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	7-10	creamy white
Australasian Shoveler (Aust. & N.Z. races)	1	2	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	1	9-11	creamy white w/ greenish tinge
Bahama (White-cheeked) Pintail	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-10	buff
Baikal Teal	1	2	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	1,3	4-10	pale greyish green
Blue-winged Teal	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	7-11	creamy tan
Brazilian Teal	1	1	1	2	2	1,4,5	1	1,3, 8	6-8	creamy white
Cape Teal	1	1	1	2	2	1,4,5	1	1,3	5-11	cream
Chestnut Teal	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3,8	7-10	light cream
Chiloe Wigeon	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	5-9	ivory
Cinnamon Teal (all races)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	9-12	creamy white to pale buff
Common (Euro. Green-winged) Teal	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	1,3	8-12	creamy white
Eurasian Wigeon	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	8-10	cream to pale buff
Falcated Duck	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-10	white w/ pinkish yellow tinge
Gadwall	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	8-12	creamy white w/ pinkish tinge
Garganey	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	1,3	6-14	buff to light straw
Green-winged Teal (American)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	8-12	creamy white
Grey Teal (all races)	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	1,3,8	8-10	cream to creamy white
Hawaiian Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	2	1,3,8	2-10	white, buff or light tan
Hottentot Teal	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	1,3,8	6-9	cream to yellowish buff
Laysan Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	2	1,3,8	3-6	ivory to light buff
Mallard	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	1-8	9-13	grey-green to bluish
Meller's Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	3	1,3,8	5-12	dull white to pale olive
Mottled Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	2	1,3	5-14	dull white to pale olive
Northern Pintail	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-12	off white to yellowish green
Northern Shoveler	1	2	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1	5-14	olive buff to pale green-grey
Pacific Black Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	3	1,3	7-12	pale cream
Philippine Duck	1	1	1	2	2	1,4,5	2	1,3	8-10	brownish white

Dabbling Ducks, continued	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Puna Teal	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	3,8	5-6	creamy white to buffish
Red Shoveler	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	1	5-8	white w/ pinkish yellow tinge
Red-billed Pintail	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	2	1,3	6-12	buff to creamy white
Ringed Teal	1	1	1	1	2	1,4,5	1	8	6-10	white
Silver (Versicolor) Teal	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	6-10	creamy white to buffish
S. American Teal (Chilean & Sharp-winged)	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	1,3	5-8	creamy white
South Georgia Pintail	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	3	1,3	3-9	light buff
Spot-billed Duck (all races)	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	1	1,3	8-10	white to greyish white
Yellow-billed Duck	1	1	1	2	1	1,4,5	3	1,3	6-12	creamy yellow or buff
Yellow-billed Pintail	1	1	1	1	1	1,4,5	2	1,3	6-12	cream
Pochards	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Australian White-eye	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	3	1,3	9-13	creamy white
Baer's Pochard	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	3	1,3	9-13	creamy white to light buff
Canvasback	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1	6-10	greyish olive
Common Pochard	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	3	1,3	6-14	green-grey
Ferruginous White-eye	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	2	1,3	7-10	creamy white to light buff
Greater Scaup	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1,3	7-14	olive grey
Lesser Scaup	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1,3	8-10	greenish buff
Marbled Duck	1	2	1	1	1	1,4,5	1	1,3,4,8	10-15	pale straw
New Zealand Scaup	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	3	1,3	4-8	creamy white to mocha brown
Red-crested Pochard	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1,3, 8	8-10	pale greenish-grey
Redhead	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1,3	7-14	creamy white to brownish buff
Ring-necked Duck	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1	6-14	olive-buff
Rosybill	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	1	1,3	8-10	cream to greenish grey
Southern Pochard	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	3	1,3	6-12	creamy white to light brown
Tufted Duck	1	2	1	1	1	1,2,4,5	2	1,3	8-12	greenish grey
Sea Ducks	Gen. Care	Breeding	Rearing	Aggression	Hardiness	Diet	Availability	Nest Site Pref.	Clutch Size	Egg Color
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	3	2	2	1	2,3,4,5	2	3,8	8-12	bluish green
Bufflehead	2	3	3	2	1	2,3,4,5	2	8	5-8	light olive with bluish tinge
Chinese (Scaly-sided)Merganser	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	8	7-12	creamy white
Common Eider (all races)	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	1,2,3	4-6	green gray
Common Goldeneye	2	3	2	2	1	2,3,4,5	2	3,8	8-12	greenish
Common Merganser	2	3	3	2	1	2,3,6	3	8	8-12	creamy white
Harlequin Duck	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	3,8	5-7	creamy yellow
Hooded Merganser	2	2	2	1	1	2,3,6	1	8	7-12	grayish white
King Eider	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	2	4-6	olive to olive-buff
Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	2	6-10	greenish to olive buff
Red-breasted Merganser	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	2,3	6-12	olive buff
Smew	2	2	2	1	1	2,3,6	2	8	7-9	cream to pale buff
Spectacled Eider	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	2	4-6	olive to olive-buff
White-winged Scoter	2	3	3	1	1	2,3,6	3	2	6-9	creamy buff