



Mallards are dabbling ducks, because they poke their heads underwater to feed on plants growing on the bottom of ponds and streams. Mallards can be found near ponds, streams, and lakes in the prairies, foothills, and even in towns. The drake, or male mallard, has a dark green head with a white neck ring, while the female is mottled brown with a whitish tail.

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