

Mallard

The mallard is our most common duck. Mallards have a violet or blue wing patch (speculum) bordered with white. The bill is light greenish-yellow in the male and yellow blotched with black in the female. The hen (female) is mottled brown with a light line above the eye. In breeding plumage, the drake (male) has a bright green head, white color, reddish-brown chest, gray sides, and black all around the base of the tail. Drawn by Vickie Eggert Printed by Alameda County Public Works.

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