

URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



WOOD DUCKS

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look near ponds, lakes, creeks, or wetlands with overhanging trees.
- Males are easy to spot with their shimmering green crests, red eyes, and bold patterns; females are more subtle, with a white teardrop eye-ring.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wood Ducks nest in trees—sometimes up to 60 feet high! After hatching, ducklings leap from the nest to the ground (or water) the very next day.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Preserve or enhance wetlands with shrubs and aquatic plants.
- Put up a nest box near water to support breeding Wood Ducks.
- Keep dogs leashed around wetland areas to prevent disturbing nesting sites or broods.

REFLECTION PROMPT

What small moment in nature recently surprised you—something unexpected, beautiful, or quiet?



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