

INTRO-DUCK-TION TO DUCK DETECTING



RESPECT THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Ducks are incredible and we want you to discover as many as you can. But it is important to remember that they live in complex wetland ecosystems that can be easily disturbed.

- Remember to observe any local signage and regulations to make sure you're keeping to designated walking tracks and roads.
- If you're heading to wetlands with water bottles and food, you must always take your rubbish home with you as leftover rubbish and waste can pollute wetland environments.



NEVER FEED DUCKS

- Feeding ducks human food can lead to a range of problems. Ducks feed on plants and insects, so human food is definitely not a part of their diet.
- Bread and other food that ducks don't consume can sink and cause pollution and eventually increase the bacteria in soil. These sorts of conditions can make birds sick, particularly if water levels are low and they ingest soil and mud when foraging for food.
- It is also important that ducks don't become dependent on humans for food.



KEEP YOUR DOG ON LEAD

If you venture out to spot ducks while you're on your daily walk, you may like to take your four-legged friend with you. If you do, it is important to keep your dog on lead when you are around ducks, as well as any native wildlife, so as not to cause them stress or injury.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE WHEN SPOTTING DUCKS

- Many ducks are shy and can be easily startled by humans.
- We must also respect duck's personal space by not getting too close.
- You should also never try to touch native ducks. This can not only cause significant suffering and distress to ducks, but also pose risks to humans as ducks can carry diseases.

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