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Lesser scaup

You were banded at Saskeram Marsh near The Pas, Manitoba two years ago. These large wetlands in the **boreal forest** are protected by Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Your mom laid you and nine other **olive-coloured eggs** in a nest hidden by thick grasses on a small island in Saskeram Marsh.

When you hatched in July your mother led you to water. That same day, you learned how to dive to find your favourite food: small bugs and other invertebrates. You practiced all summer, and could soon **dive** as deep as 20 metres, staying underwater for almost **30 seconds**.

When it started to snow in late October, you migrated south to overwinter in the large coastal wetlands of Louisiana, U.S.A. You made a few stops along the way at Delta Marsh, Manitoba and Keokuk, Iowa.

Conservation note: Although scaup are common, there has been a big drop in their numbers in recent years. Ducks Unlimited Canada is working with others to find out why and to see what kind of help might be needed.

Banding or marking ducks is one way for scientists to learn about them and what they need to survive. Learn how you can help by visiting education.ducks.ca

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If grabbed by a predator like a fox, scaups may go limp and "play dead" to protect themselves!



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