



Life Cycle of a Mallard Duck



The female duck builds her nest with leaves, grass and feathers. She builds it near to water.



The female duck lays

between 5 and 12 eggs. She will sit on them to keep them warm until the ducklings hatch.



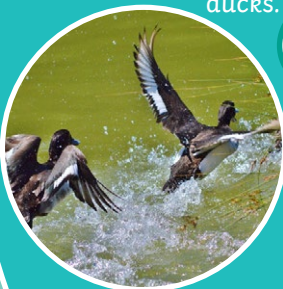
The eggs will usually hatch within 28 days.



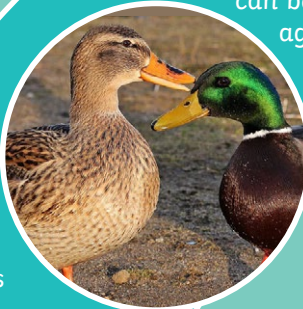
They leave the nest to go and live on the water.



The mother duck will guard the ducklings from other predators.



The ducklings can fly within 5-8 weeks. They are now adult ducks.



The life cycle can begin again.

