

	Mallard	Black Duck	Mottled Duck	Mexican Duck
Male				
Female				
Distribution				
Bill Male	Rich Yellow, Greenish on young birds	Yellow	Rich Yellow with Black spot at Gape	Rich Yellow
Bill Female	Yellow/orange mottled with black spotting	Olive Drab	Yellow to Orange usually spotted like a mallard hen. black spot at the gape	drab Yellow to Orange usually spotted like a mallard hen
Weight	1.5 to 3.5 lbs	1.6 to 3.6 Lbs	1.5 to 2.7	1.5 to 2.7 Lbs
Length and Wingspan	20 - 26" long, 32 to 39" wingspan	21 - 23 long 35 - 37" wingspan	18.5 - 22.5" long 31.5 - 34.3" wing Span	20 to 22" long 31 to 36" wingspan
Speculum	 Blue/slight Purple with White borders top and bottom	 Speculum is Purple/blue with a black boarder top and bottom.	 Bluish Speculum with a bottom white boarder	 Turquoise with white boarder top and bottom
Body Color	The female mallard is predominantly mottled, with each individual feather showing sharp contrast from buff to very dark brown, a coloration shared by most female dabbling ducks,	The head is brown, but is slightly lighter in tone than the darker brown body.	Both sexes are mostly brown and buff, like a female Mallard but richer back (scapulars) and sides are rich brown streaked with buff	Both sexes are similar to female Mallard, with mottled brown body plumage, but somewhat darker overall, especially on the tail and undertail coverts

<p>Head Color</p>	<p>has buff cheeks, eyebrow, throat, and neck, with a darker crown and eye-stripe</p>	<p>The cheeks and throat are streaked brown, with a dark streak going through the crown and dark eye</p>	<p>very buffy face and throat lack fine streaking. with a black patch at the opening of the bill.</p>	
<p>Other Features</p>	<p>Both Sexes of mallards can exhibit traits of the opposite sex. Known to happen in older birds and birds having damage to sexual organs</p>	<p>Bottom stripe on the Speculum can be a thin white line</p>	<p>White in the tail is an indication that the individual has some Mallard genes: a pure Mottled Duck has a dark tail.</p>	<p>Just recently classified to a species, formerly a sub-species of mallard this species is of growing concern. Mexico may not allow its export.</p>

