



# Common Goldeneye



**Yes, we adults really do have golden eyes but you would not believe how they get that way!**

My eyes start out gray-brown at hatching, then turn purple-blue, to blue, to green-blue, to clear pale green-yellow at 5 months, and finally bright yellow when I become an adult.

I dive for my food, and like to eat aquatic bugs, crustaceans, small fish, and some plants. Here's what likes to eat me: black bears, martens, mink, raccoons, hawks, owls, bald eagles, and golden eagles. You can bet I steer clear of them!

During courtship, I'm known for some cool moves called the [head-throw-kick](#).

My first choice for nesting is in tree cavities. When those aren't available, I nest in boxes built by people. When we [ducklings leave the nest](#), it's like jumping out of an airplane! Look out below! [More of the Jr. Duck Stamp story.....](#)