



# Wood Duck



**Some people call me Woody but I am definitely NOT a woodpecker....not even related!**

As you can see, I'm a fancy duck and am quite well-known because I frequent ponds and wetlands in cities. [View some family pics.](#)

Did you know when beavers move into an area they help create ideal forested wetland habitat for wood ducks? Beavers are so cool!

I am a dabbling duck who is also comfortable walking on land so I have quite a varied diet. Berries, acorns, and seeds are my favorite, but I also eat insects. That means I'm an omnivore.

One thing that sets me apart from other ducks is my highly developed toes and sharp claws which allow me to grasp and perch on tree branches. (Most ducks can't perch!)

You've heard of 'hit the ground running'? Well that's me! Soon after hatching, I take a flying leap out of the nextbox, [hit the ground](#), and run to the water where I immediately learn to swim and find food. [More of the story.....](#)