

Plumed Whistling Duck



Fast Facts



Other Names: Plumed Tree Duck, Grass Whistle-duck

Scientific Name: *Dendrocygna eytoni*

Conservation Status: Least Concern



Body Length: 40–60 cm

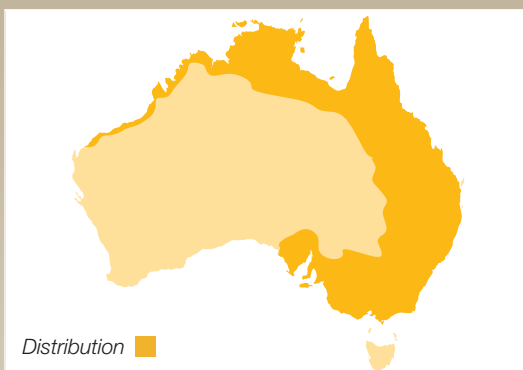
Weight: 1000 g

Incubation: 28 days

Number of eggs: 8–14

Habitat: Wetlands and tropical grasslands near dams and lagoons

Distribution: Northern Western Australia to Victoria



Description

Tall and long-necked, the Plumed Whistling Duck has a pinkish bill and legs with different shades of pale brown over its head, neck, breast and flank. It has long flank plumes that are edged black and extend over its back. Its wings are brown above and a paler black below. Both sexes are the same colour but males tend to be larger and have longer plumes.

Diet

The Plumed Whistling Duck is a herbivore and eats grasses, legumes and herbs.

Breeding

Breeding in the wet season, the Plumed Whistling Duck is monogamous, most likely bonding for life. It creates a nest by scraping out a patch of ground beneath vegetation and lightly lining it with grass.

Threats

The Plumed Whistling Duck is threatened by destruction of wetlands.

At Perth Zoo

You can see Plumed Whistling Ducks in the Australian Wetlands.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Plumed Whistling Duck emits a high-pitched nasal whistle.