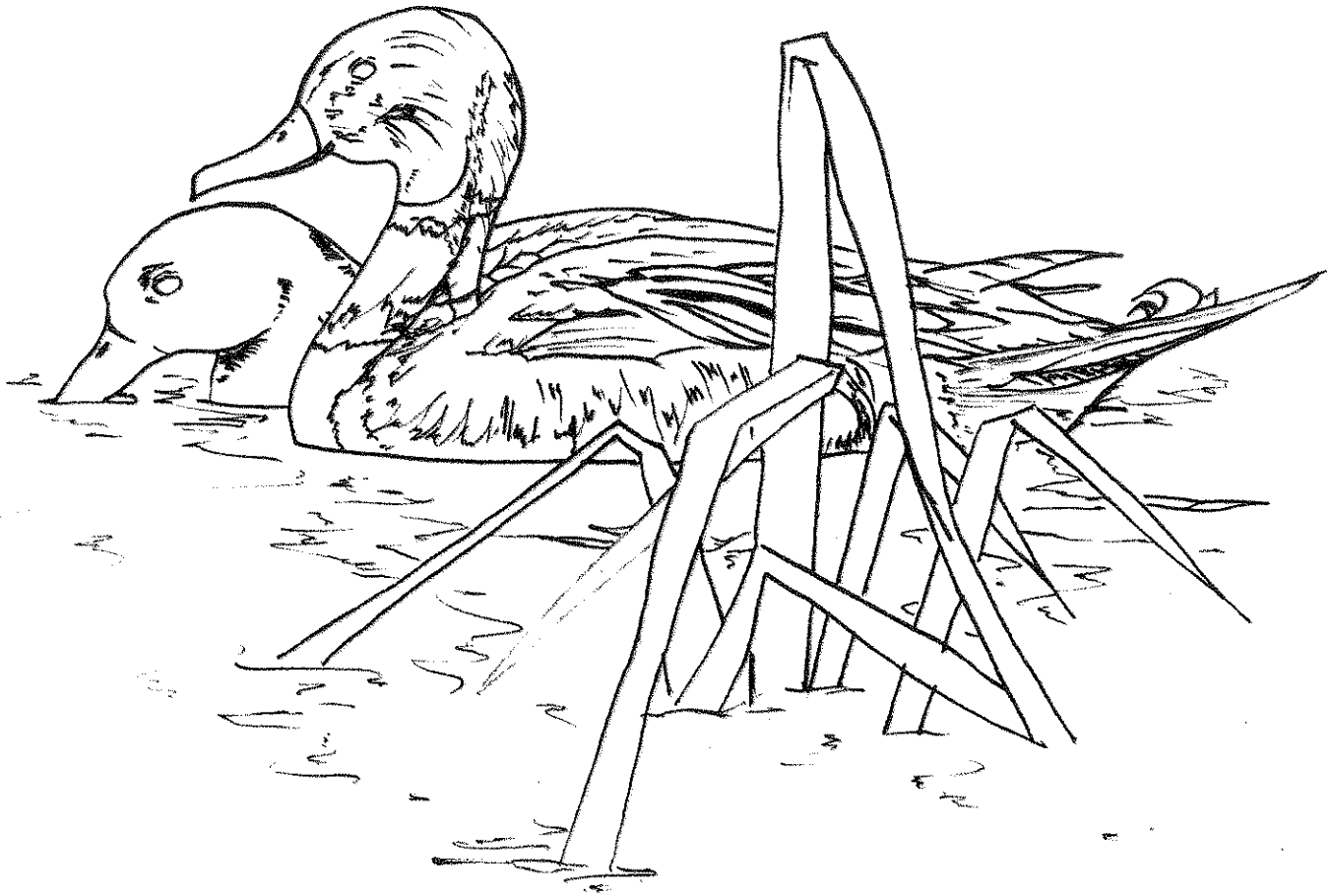


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Mallards are puddle ducks, and they can be found in almost any North American wetland. Male mallards can be identified by their bright green heads and white neck rings. In the spring, mallards nest on the ground in grassy fields near wetlands. They lay up to twelve eggs, one each day, in a feathery nest. After laying all their eggs, the hens, or mother ducks, sit on their nests for 26 days until the eggs hatch. Then, they lead their young ducklings to water and try to keep them safe until they are grown.

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