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SUMMER PHILOLOGICAL SCHOOL – 21
INHABITANTS OF FAR EASTERN TAIGA
MANDARIN DUCK



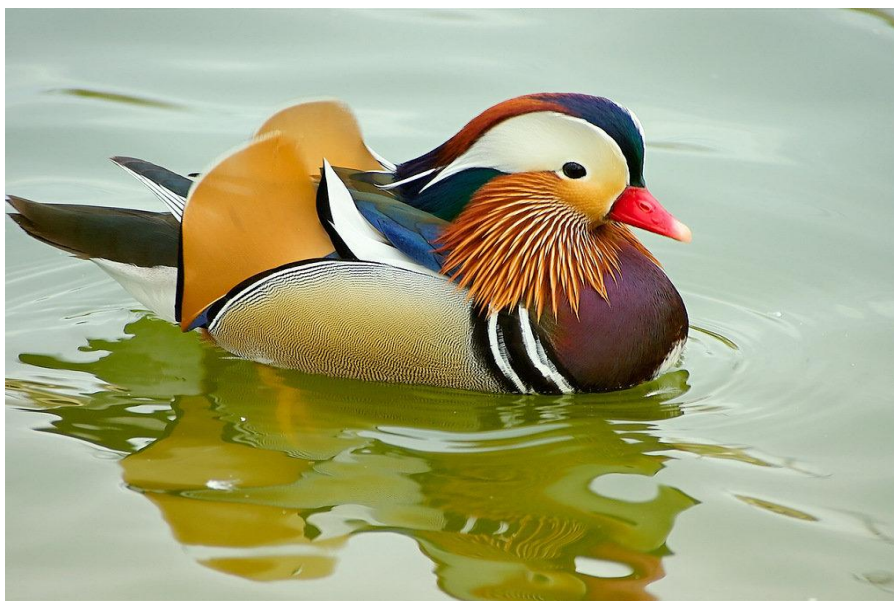
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Mandarin Duck

On the territory of Russia, this bird can be found in the forests of the Far East, necessarily near water bodies. This is the basin of the Zeya, Gorin, Amur, in the lower flow of the Amgun River, the valley of the Ussuri River and in the area of Lake Orel.

This bird has a length of 40 to 50 cm. Average size of wings in flight is 75 cm. The weight of an adult is 500 - 800 g. The head of a male with a red beak has various colors. From above it is covered with longer feathers of red tones with green - blue tint. On the sides, where the eyes are, the feathers are white, but closer orange to the beak. This color spreads like a fan around the neck, but closer to the back part of the neck, it changes to green-blue.



Mandarin ducks live in dense coastal thickets, where they arrange shelters in the hollows of trees and in the rocks. They prefer lowlands, floodplains, valleys, wetlands, flooded meadows, flooded fields, but with the obligatory the presence of deciduous forest vegetation. On the mountain slopes and hills, these birds can be found at an altitude of no more than 1500 m. above sea level.

Why Is the Mandarin Duck Called Mandarin?

Once upon a time there was a duck in the Khabarovsk Territory. She had the most ordinary color, that seemed boring to her.

One day she saw that not far from Lake Orel, in which sheswam, painters painted the building, and decided to paint herself. She came unnoticed to the buckets of paint and dipped first completely into orange paint, then a little into the dark –brown one, and at last into the white one– just a little.

After that, she went to look at herself in the lake and saw a very motley and beautiful duck. She was very cheerful and continued to swim on the lake.

Everyone who looked at this duck admired her. Due to the fact that she was almost completely orange, it was called a mandarin duck.



Resources:

1. <https://yandex.ru/search/?lr>
2. <https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki>
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