

# GET TO KNOW THE

# WHIO

## WHITE-WATER DUCK

Whio are one of only four duck species in the world who live all year round on fast-flowing rivers.



## WHIO FAMILIES

When it comes to nesting, logjams, caves and dense vegetation are where whio make their nests. The female whio incubates the egg for about 35 days while her partner stands guard.



## INDICATOR SPECIES

Whio are an 'indicator species', only living on clean, fast-running streams and rivers. Where you find whio, you'll find a clean waterway.



## WHIO PATROL

Whio fly up and down the stream at low levels like fighter jets protecting their borders early in the morning or late in the evening.



## TERRITORIAL (WHIO FISTICUFFS)

Whio are aggressive defenders of their patch, which can be a stretch of river up to 3km long. Breeding pairs will chase off or fight other ducks

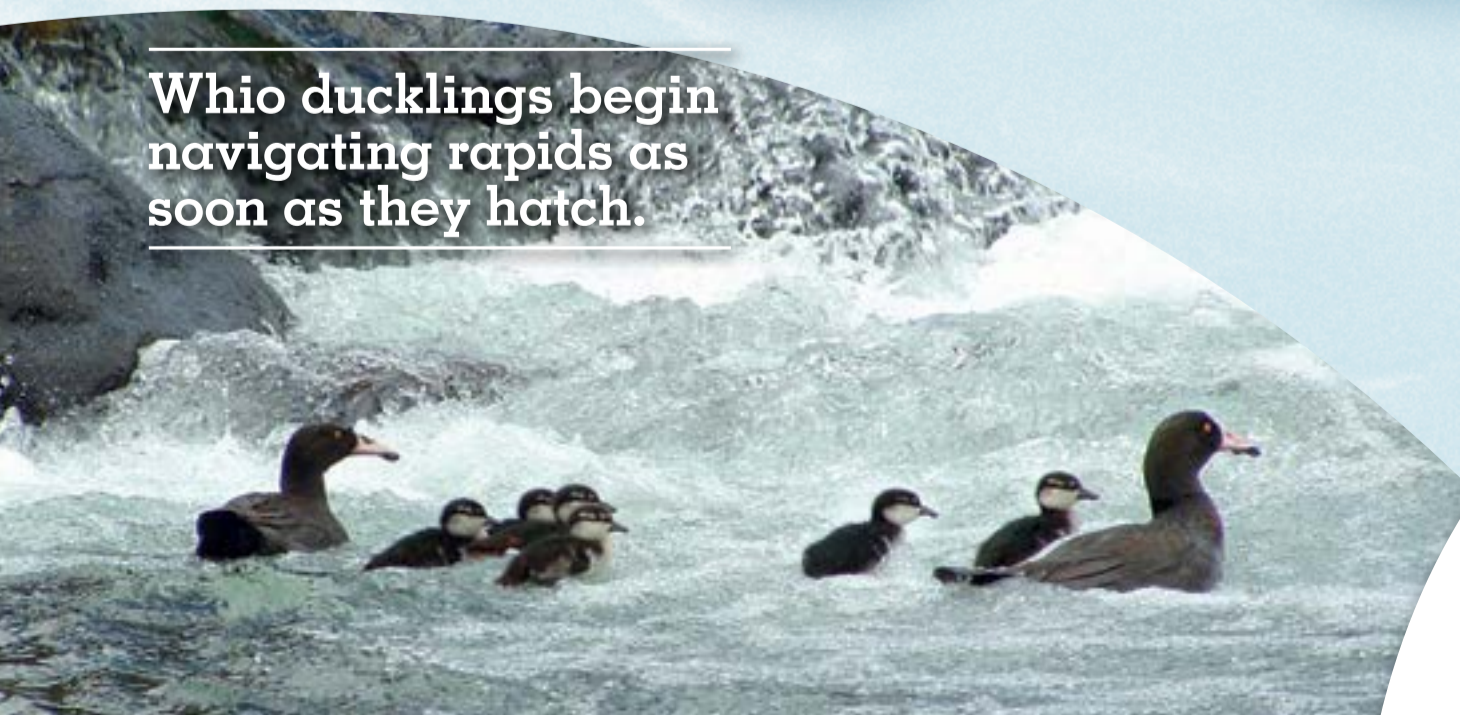


## WHIO FOOD

Whio feed on the aquatic insect larvae found on the rocks in their river.



Whio ducklings begin navigating rapids as soon as they hatch.



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