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Both sexes produce a strange assortment of goose-like honks, grunts and whistles, the female's vocalisations are higher in pitch.

The Australian Shelduck belongs to the same family as swans, geese and ducks.

# AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK

*Tadorna tadornoides*

Shelducks nest in rock crevices, shallow caves, holes in banks, or rabbit burrows. The female incubates the eggs while her mate defends the surrounding territory.



The male is largely blackish, with a chestnut breast, white neck collar and dark green head. The female is similar, but has white around the eye.

## FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Southern Australia, Tasmania
Habitat	Freshwater swamps, brackish swamps, inland lakes, grasslands, open woodlands, pastures, and agricultural fields
Diet	Includes insects, seeds, and short grasses
Average weight	1.3-1.7kg
Number of eggs	5-14
Incubation	28 - 33 days
Lifespan	Up to 20 years

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Australian Shelduck



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