HOW TO ADOPT A FRECKLED DUCK

By adopting one of our freckled ducks you’re helping to protect one of the world’s rarest ducks. All money raised from donations goes directly into improving our enclosures, providing our freckled ducks with food and veterinary care, and other sundry expenses. As a community-supported organisation, the Hunter Wetland Centre relies on donations to continue its valuable work helping to conserve these amazing, uniquely Australian birds.

In a world first, the Hunter Wetlands Centre is proposing to release Freckled Ducks from our conservation breeding program and track them using satellite technology. Fund raising for predator-proof fencing and the purchase of transmitters is ongoing.

We have three permanent resident freckled ducks without names naming rights are just $100 per duck.

Levels of Sponsorship (for 12 months):
Level One - $20
- Personalised adoption certificate
- Fact sheet about Freckled Ducks
- Wetland supporter sticker

Level Two - $40
- All the above PLUS:
- Free family pass to visit HWC

Level Three - $60
- All the above PLUS:
- Behind the scenes tour of the Freckled duck enclosure (includes free entry)

Level Four - $100
- Personalised adoption certificate
- Fact sheet about Freckled Ducks
- Wetland supporter sticker
- 12 month Membership to HWC
- Duck naming rights

Corporate - $300
- Framed Adoption Certificate
- Duck naming rights
- Company name & logo in HWC newsletter & website

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Thank you for supporting one of our Freckled ducks. Your generosity will help us provide vital habitat, food and veterinary care for this unique species. Please complete this form, detach and return to HWCA with your payment. Thank you!

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Phone/Mobile: _____________________________________________________
Name of Duck: _____________________________________________________
Name on certificate if a gift: __________________________________________

Please select one:
[ ] Level One .................. $20
[ ] Level Two .................. $40
[ ] Level Three ................. $60
[ ] Level Four .................. $100
[ ] Corporate sponsorship .... $300
[ ] Other amount - please specify: ______

Payment method:
[ ] Cash
[ ] Cheque
[ ] Credit Card

Credit Card No.: ______ ______ ______ ______
Expiry: ___ / ___
CCV: ______
Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________

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A Haven for Wildlife and People
Freckled ducks are listed as vulnerable species on the schedules of the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995). They will become endangered unless we stop draining, clearing and grazing wetlands, changing natural river flows, and illegally shooting them! Over the past twenty years the Hunter Wetlands Centre has developed a reputation as one of the most successful captive breeders of freckled ducks in Australia.

Meet our freckled ducks.....
All our Freckled Ducks are now micro-chipped and have two coloured leg bands to identify them.

LEFINA - green over red
Lefina, hatched in 2003, is our most successful breeder, producing many young. She is a leader to the group. Like her daughter Leila, she has a feather on her right wing that grows at an off angle and kicks up, creating a slightly unkempt appearance.

JACOB - purple over red
Jacob was named for the son of our former CEO, Tara O'Connell. He's from Lefina's September 2007 clutch and displays much of his mother's confidence and authority.

LEILA - white over red
Leila is one of our most beloved and friendly ducks and is named for the mother of one of our site staff, Geoff Nicholls. She has the same intelligent gaze as her mother Lefina, as well as sharing a kicked up right wing feather with her mother.

GEORGE - light blue over red
George, hatched in 2007, is a wily and clever duck - when keepers attempt to catch him he will try to confuse them by diving under shelters and changing directions in order to escape.

JEWEL - orange over red
Jewel is the only female from Lefina's January 2008 clutch and was adopted and named by a wetlands volunteer, Kathryn Haythorpe.

PEARL - red over red
Pearl, hatched in 2012, is named for the duck loving daughter of our former site manager, Boyd Carney. She is a daughter of Amy.

ZENON - black over red
Zenon, hatched in 2008, is named after the son of our former site manager, Boyd Carney, and is Pearl's brother. He is the son of Amy.

HUNTER - yellow over red
Hunter, hatched in 2008, is the son of Lefina. He is a particularly curious and amusing duck, intent on nibbling anything that he can find. His bill has never fully coloured up and he does not show any interest in any of the females.

SAL - dark blue over red
Sal was donated along with his brother Thomas by David Rushton to provide two new male breeders from a different bloodline. This helped to keep our genetic pool large and healthy. He has a particularly bright red bill.

THOMAS - pink over red
Thomas was donated along with his brother Sal by David Rushton (see above). He shows some strange behaviour that none of the other males do, such as copying the female head-bobbing action.

General description: The Freckled Duck (Stictonetta naevosa) is a moderately large, broad-bodied duck native to southern Australia. The duck is protected by law. Dark in colour with fine off-white speckles all over, it is most easily identified by its large head with a peaked (as opposed to rounded) crown.

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Each year brings a new batch of Freckled Ducklings...