

BIRDS TO SPOT IN ST JAMES'S PARK



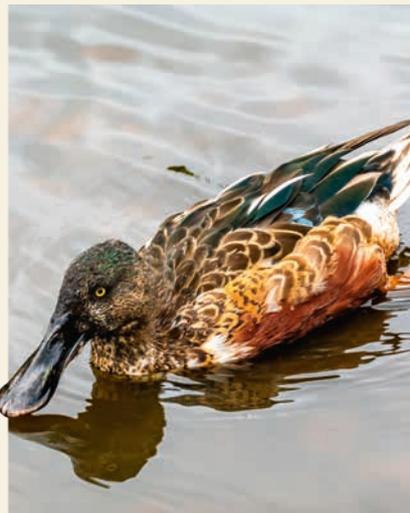
PELICANS

Pelicans have graced St. James's Park since 1664. One current resident – Gargi, a wild bird that flew off course too far west – was found in a Southend garden in 1996 and brought to the park.



LITTLE GREBE

A small brown bird now breeds in some Royal Parks since the creation of reed beds, a favourite habitat.



SHOVELER

This duck is named after its large spade-like bill, which resembles a shovel, enabling them to feed at the water's surface on zoo plankton.



GADWALL

This species of dabbling duck feeds on vegetation at the water's surface. It has a habit of following divers, such as Coots, to steal foraged plant material.



SHELDUCK

One of the UK's largest ducks, the shelduck is mostly found in coastal habitats, feeding on small invertebrates.



GREYLAG GOOSE

A wild relative of the domestic goose, the greylag goose is the largest of Europe's native goose species. Many were reintroduced to the UK following widespread decline.



PEREGRINE FALCON

Renowned as the world's fastest animal, this powerful predator hunts by dive-bombing prey in mid-air, travelling as fast as 186mph.



POLCHARD

The majority of polchards migrate from northern and eastern Europe. They are becoming increasingly rare in the UK, as milder winters reduce the need for winter migrations.

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