

## Wildfowl Trust Avicultural Report, 1987

The number of birds held in The Wildfowl Trust's collection rose by just over 200 to 7,100 in 1987. This was due to minor changes in a number of species and an increase of over a hundred Barnacle Geese, full-winged flocks of which are a notable feature of several of the Centres.

The controlled breeding policy was maintained and rearing of most species matched to the need for maintaining the agreed establishment in each of the 5 Centres holding captive birds. Among the notable successes this year were the rearing of 11 Magpie Geese and 7 Eytton's Whistling Ducks at Slimbridge. The Arundel Centre successfully raised 6 Bewick's Swan cygnets

from the only female currently laying in captivity. Three young Light-bellied Brent Geese were reared at Slimbridge and Red-breasted Geese were successful in 4 Centres and a total of 23 young added to the collection.

The Falkland Islands Flightless Steamer Duck bred for the first time since 1984; 7 young were raised at Slimbridge. An exciting development at the Washington Centre was the rearing of two male and two female King Eiders. Three kinds of Flamingos at Peakirk produced 6 young.

White-headed Duck eggs were again sent to Hungary for the successful reintroduction programme there.

Species or subspecies	Total reared 1987	Total held 31.12.87	Species or subspecies	Total reared 1987	Total held 31.12.87
Magpie Goose	11	31	Ross's Goose	27	114
Spotted Whistling Duck	0	2	Atlantic Canada Goose	0	1
Eytton's Whistling Duck	7	32	Moffitt's Canada Goose	0	8
Wandering Whistling Duck	19	36	Giant Canada Goose	0	1
Fulvous Whistling Duck	2	39	Lesser Canada Goose	0	4
Cuban Whistling Duck	10	62	Taverner's Canada Goose	1	3
Javan Whistling Duck	0	6	Dusky Canada Goose	4	7
White-faced Whistling Duck	25	61	Aleutian Canada Goose	1	53
S. Red-billed Whistling Duck	12	51	Richardson's Canada Goose	8	15
Coscoroba Swan	2	8	Cackling Canada Goose	1	22
Black Swan	22	25	Bering Canada	0	9
Mute Swan	5	0	Hawaiian Goose	42	176
Black-necked Swan	12	25	Barnacle Goose	83	398
Whistling Swan	2	12	Dark-Bellied Brent Goose	0	2
Bewick's Swan	6	41	Light-Bellied Brent Goose	3	16
Whooper Swan	11	15	Black Brant	6	50
Trumpeter Swan	7	12	Red-breasted Goose	23	138
Swan Goose	0	35	Ruddy Shelduck	0	10
Western Bean Goose	7	24	Cape Shelduck	0	7
Russian Bean Goose	0	21	Australian Shelduck	0	7
Thick-billed Bean Goose	0	7	New Zealand Shelduck	0	9
Pink-footed Goose	5	28	Red-backed Radjah Shelduck	0	1
European White-fronted Goose	3	37	Radjah Shelduck	0	7
Pacific White-fronted Goose	0	8	Common Shelduck	40	72
Greenland White-fronted Goose	13	37	Egyptian Goose	6	9
Tule Goose	0	7	Orinoco Goose	0	11
Lesser White-fronted Goose	21	99	Abyssinian Blue-winged Goose	5	19
Western Greylag Goose	14	2	Andean Goose	3	12
Eastern Greylag Goose	4	11	Ashy-headed Goose	4	15
Bar-headed Goose	22	65	Ruddy-headed Goose	11	18
Emperor Goose	21	83	Lesser Magellan Goose	0	4
Lesser Snow Goose	7	36	Greater Magellan Goose	6	9
Greater Snow Goose	1	52	Cereopsis Goose	4	13
			Recherche Island Cereopsis Goose	0	3

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	1987	31.12.87		1987	31.12.87
Falkland Flightless Steamer Duck	7	11	Common Eider	0	11
Patagonian Crested Duck	5	11	King Eider	4	8
Andean Crested Duck	0	7	Spectacled Eider	0	5
Bronze-winged Duck	0	3	Steller's Eider	0	2
Marbled Teal	16	94	Red-crested Pochard	34	133
Cape Teal	4	40	Rosybill	25	88
Hottentot Teal	2	16	African Pochard	0	4
Northern Versicolor Teal	9	16	South American Pochard	0	16
Southern Versicolor Teal	2	40	Canvasback	8	62
Puna Teal	12	41	European Pochard	42	54
Red-billed Pintail	1	24	Redhead	0	51
Northern Bahama Pintail	0	53	Common White-eye	0	24
Southern Bahama Pintail	7	16	Baer's Pochard	7	45
Bahama Pintail	0	2	Australian White-eye	1	24
South Georgian Teal	10	24	New Zealand Scaup	17	59
Chilean Pintail	1	23	Ring-necked Duck	15	49
Northern Pintail	47	94	Tufted Duck	24	88
Chilean Teal	31	58	Lesser Scaup	22	55
Sharp-winged Teal	12	48	European Scaup	17	67
European Green-winged Teal	5	34	Lesser Brazilian Teal	0	15
American Green-winged Teal	1	17	Greater Brazilian Teal	16	32
Baikal Teal	3	24	Maned Goose	8	53
Falcated Teal	6	59	Mandarin Duck	79	234
Australian Grey Teal	11	24	Carolina	30	157
Chestnut-breasted Teal	13	45	African Pygmy Goose	0	1
New Zealand Brown Teal	10	26	African Comb Duck	0	9
Florida Duck	1	16	South American Comb Duck	0	7
Mexican Duck	0	3	Comb Duck	0	7
North American Black Duck	15	27	Western Hartlaub's Duck	0	1
Hawaiian Duck	1	16	White-winged Wood Duck	13	85
Laysan Teal	19	54	Muscovy Duck	7	14
Indian Spotbill	8	18	Spur-winged Goose	0	2
Chinese Spotbill	13	20	Black Spur-winged Goose	0	2
New Zealand Grey Duck	0	1	Common Scoter	0	7
Pelew Island Grey Duck	0	6	Harlequin Duck	0	10
Australian Black Duck	0	9	Long-tailed Duck	3	8
Philippine Duck	6	20	Barrow's Goldeneye	8	28
Meller's Duck	3	14	European Goldeneye	55	127
African Yellowbill	1	33	American Goldeneye	0	37
African Black Duck	1	11	Bufflehead	10	48
Gadwall	64	78	Smew	19	68
European Wigeon	42	73	Hooded Merganser	21	75
American Wigeon	2	40	Red-breasted Merganser	0	7
Chiloe Wigeon	25	86	Goosander	0	31
Blue-winged Teal	9	54	White-headed Duck	24	57
Northern Cinnamon Teal	21	84	North American Ruddy Duck	74	123
Garganey	0	46	Peruvian Ruddy Duck	0	1
Argentine Red Shoveler	0	61	Argentine Ruddy Duck	12	24
Cape Shoveler	1	25	African Maccoa Duck	12	25
Australian Shoveler	0	17	Musk Duck	0	1
New Zealand Shoveler	8	27	Africa White-backed Duck	0	3
Common Shoveler	12	85	Black-headed Duck	15	43
Ringed Teal	57	130	Crested Screamer	0	3
Blue Duck	0	3	Caribbean Flamingo	6	106
Pink-eared Duck	0	2	Chilean Flamingo	19	248
Freckled Duck	0	4	Greater Flamingo	0	94
European Eider	28	172	Lesser Flamingo	0	48
American Eider	0	17	James Flamingo	0	6
			Andean Flamingo	3	52