

# WIGEON, CHILOE

## RANGE:

Falkland Islands and South America

## HABITAT:

Can be found inhabiting large ponds, rivers, tidal creeks and kelp beds.

## SIZE:

Length: Approximately 50 cm (20 inches)

## LIFE EXPECTANCY:

15-20 years

## REPRODUCTION:

- Generally lay clutches of 5 to 8 eggs, between the months of September and December
- Nests are generally built of grass and hidden in vegetation along the waters edge.
- Chicks feed themselves shortly after hatching and parents keep a sharp eye on the young

## DIET:

**Wild:** Aquatic invertebrates & vegetation

**Zoo:** Vegetables, shrimp, small fish

## BEHAVIOR:

- Can be found in abundance in areas where there are suitable ponds and waterways available, feeding on aquatic invertebrates and vegetation.
- Flocks are generally small
- Have been known to nest in ground nest boxes in captivity

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Has distinctive plumage, with few differences between males and females.
- The male has a white forehead and the rest of the head and upper neck is black. On the sides of the head are two metallic green patches that extend down the nape. A white spot can be seen behind and below the eye. A white area directly behind the bluish bill is distinctive.
- Females are slightly duller than males.

## STATUS:

Common. (About 1000 pairs are known to nest in the Falklands)

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Order: **Anseriformes**  
Family: **Anatidae**  
Genus: **Anas**  
Species: **sibilatrix**