



# GREEN PYGMY GOOSE

## Description

The Green Pygmy Goose has a unique pattern of black and white lined feathers on most of its body. Its back is a deep green colour. The Pygmy Goose has a brown head and a short, strong bill, which it uses as a weapon.

## Diet

The Green Pygmy Goose is a **herbivore** and eats aquatic plants, seeds, fruit and leaves.

## In the wild

These birds almost never come ashore. When they do, they often walk very clumsily and they are also reluctant to fly. Green Pygmy Geese mate for life. Males will find potential nesting sites but the female will make the final decision. When the female is nesting, the male will defend the site very aggressively. When the eggs hatch, he helps to rear the young.

## Threats

Habitat destruction is a threat to these birds.

## At Perth Zoo

You can see Green Pygmy Geese inside the **Australian Bushwalk Walk-in Aviary**.

**Scientific Name**  
*Nettapus pulchellus*

### Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

Data Deficient



**Body Length:** 30–36 cm

**Incubation:** 26 days

**Number of eggs:** 8–12



Distribution ■

**Distribution:** Northern Australia

**Habitat:** Freshwater lagoons

