

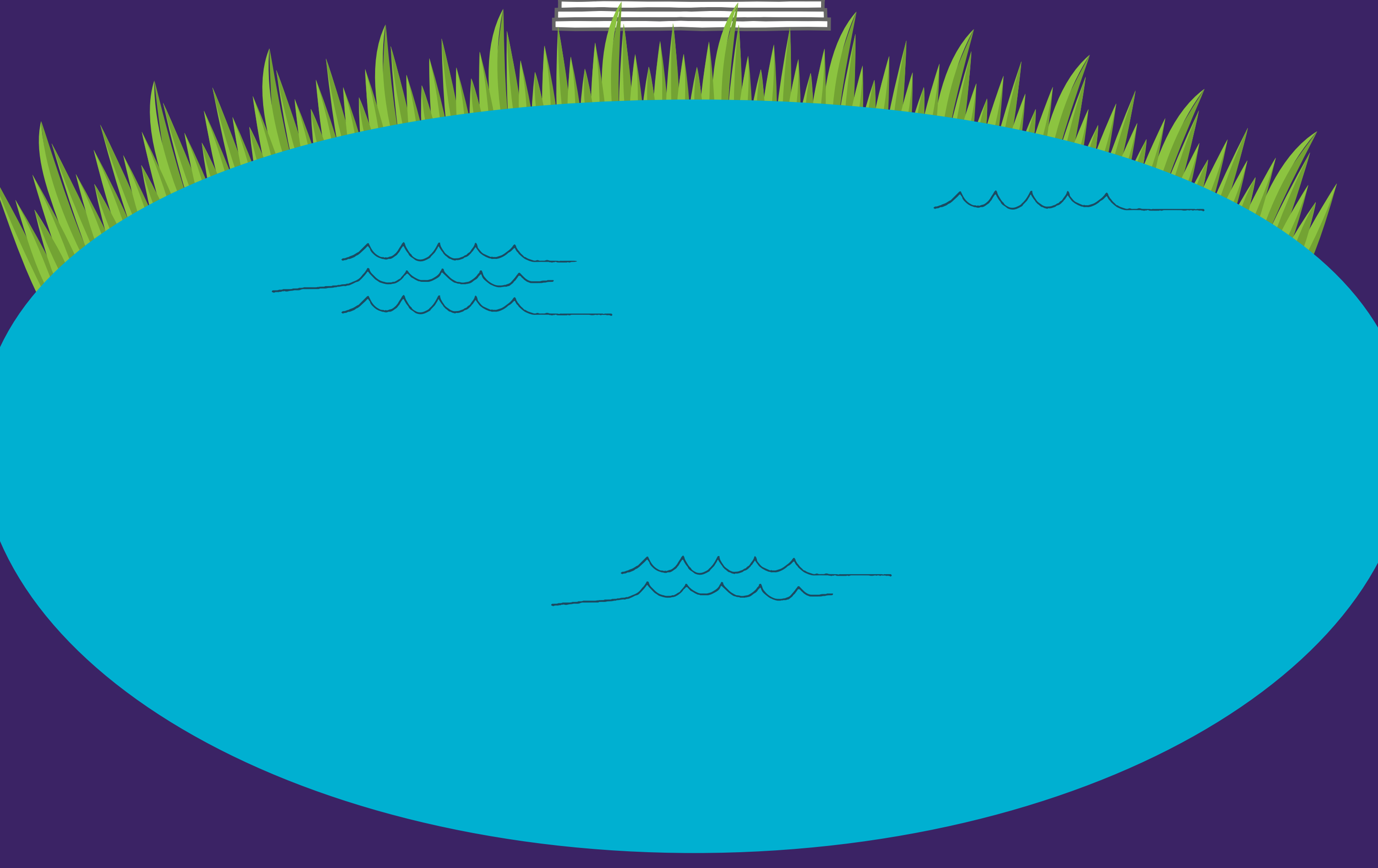


GUNNERSBURY
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Activity Trail

ROUND POND





This activity is designed for the area within the dotted circle, but will work near any other freshwater spaces too.

Welcome to the Round Pond

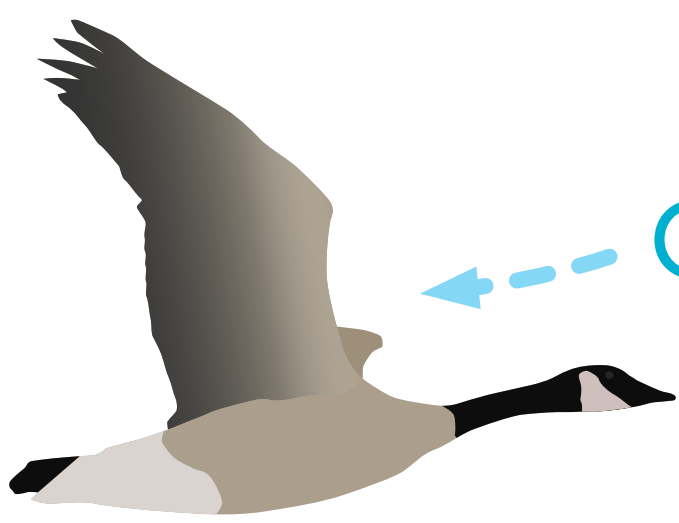
The Round Pond has provided a home to all kinds of wildlife for hundreds of years.

You'll likely spot a few birds on and around the water. Equally important are the insects, water-spiders, amphibians, fish and aquatic plants that are part of the ecosystem too.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE TEMPLE, THE GRAND-LOOKING BUILDING WITH FOUR COLUMNS, IS OVER 260 YEARS OLD. IT IS THE OLDEST BUILDING STILL STANDING IN GUNNERSBURY PARK.



Canada Goose

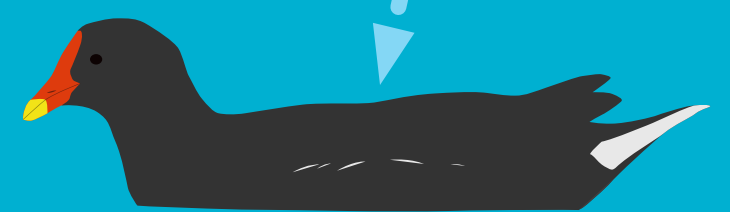


Mute Swan



Grey Heron

Moorhen



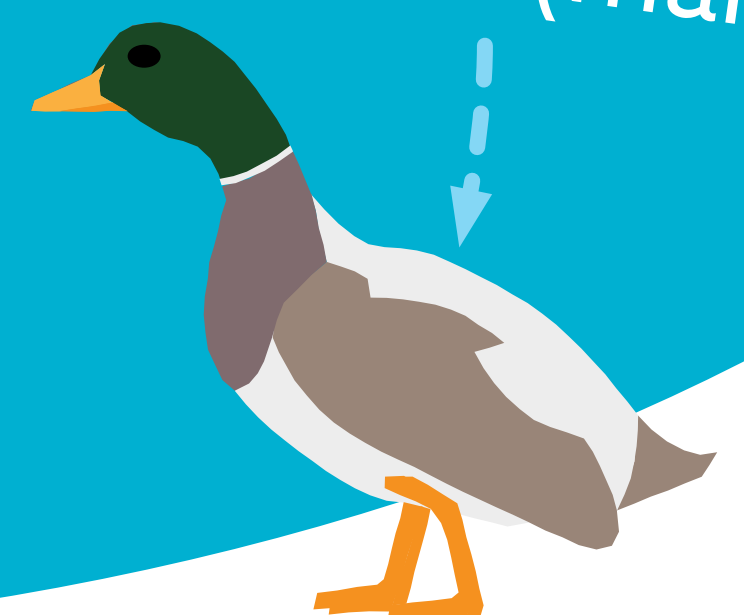
Some of the water birds you might see include...



Tufted duck



Coot



Mallard (male)

Let's get counting

Five minute challenge



Make a table in your notebook to keep track of:

- How many of each type of water bird you can spot in five minutes.
- How many water birds of the same kind you see at the same time.
- How many water birds you see in total.

Using tables to record data ^{BIRDS}

You might find it helpful to use a tally chart to mark how many birds you see, then add up the totals at the end.

 RUBBER DUCKS **||||**

 FLAMINGOS **|||**



DID YOU KNOW?
THERE ACTUALLY DID USED TO BE A FAMILY OF FLAMINGOS THAT LIVED ON THE ROUND POND!

Dancing on the Pond

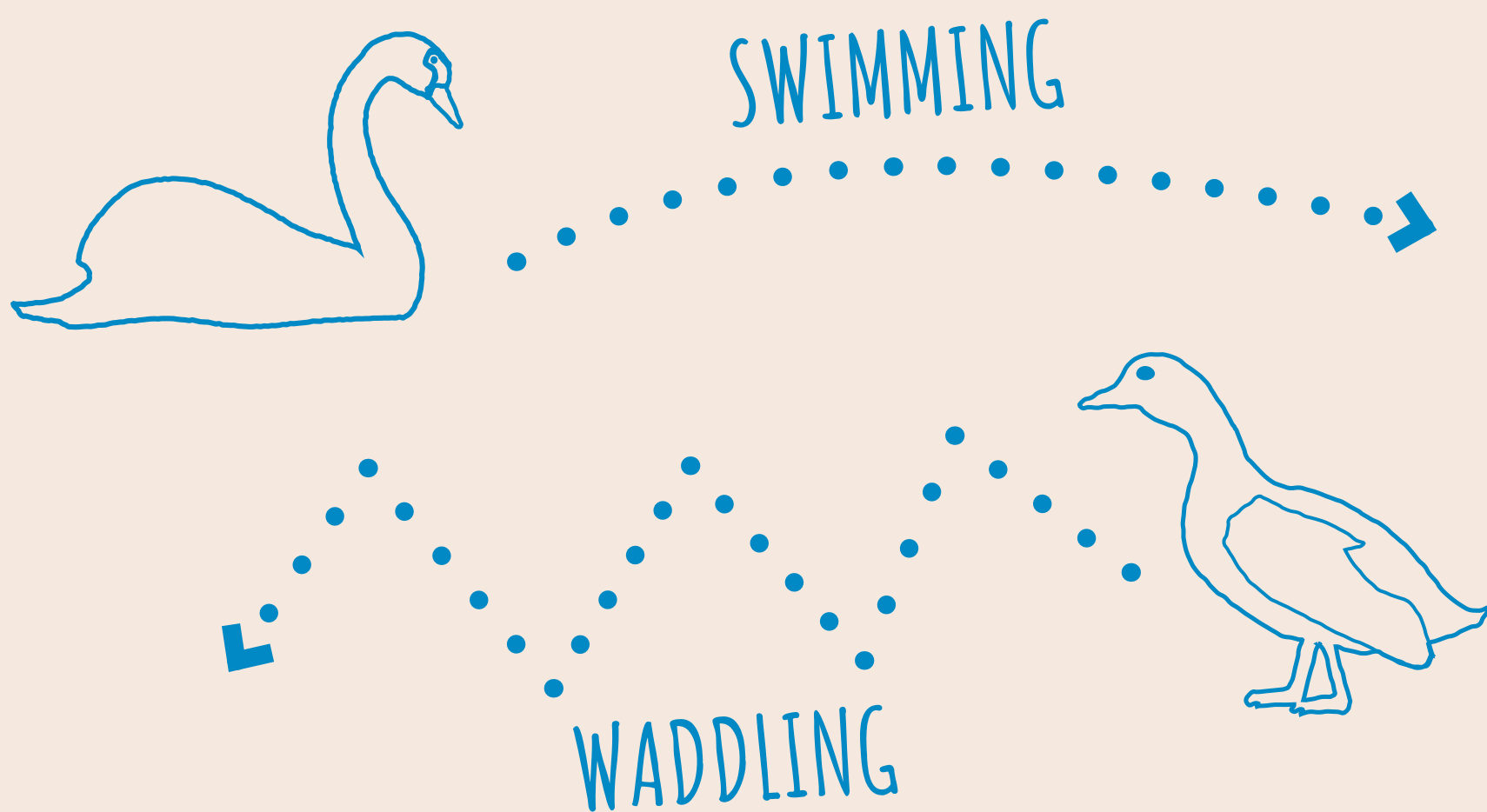
Birds have inspired all kinds of artists and art, including dance.

Take some time to look closely at how different types of birds move.

How do they compare when swimming on the pond, or waddling on land, or flying through the air?

Make a note of your observations in your notebook.

You could write descriptive words down, or even draw a little diagram that represents how a particular type of bird moves.



Back at home, we'll see how dances have been inspired by birds, and make our own routine!

Where next?



BACK AT HOME

Create charts, discover some surprising talents of water birds, play quizzes and choreograph your own dance.

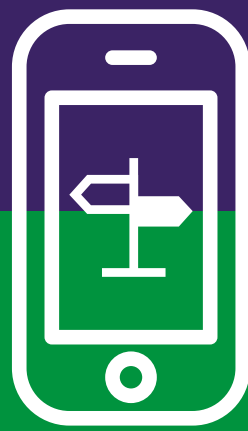
Go to visitgunnersbury.org/back-at-home



MORE ACTIVITIES!

There are plenty more activities to try while you're still in the park, from making your own music to writing haiku.

Go to visitgunnersbury.org/activity-trail and follow the map.



WANT TO EXPLORE MORE?

There are other family trails to help explore the amazing history of Gunnersbury Park, including the Lost Tennis Court and Princess Amelia's Bath House.

Go to visitgunnersbury.org to download them.