

**We spot... Mysterious Large Birds in a little cove...
white, brown, black, black with a white 'bib'???**



Solved by a Facebook post!



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These are all domestic Mallards of different breeds. That species has been bred domestically for a very long time yielding a wide variety of sizes, plumages and postures. Humans dump them at park ponds and other wetlands when they discover that ducks are difficult to keep in captivity. As they are genetically Mallards, the feral domestics will mate with wild Mallards diluting the wild gene pool.

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All 4 are domestic Mallard derivatives. The solid white is a Pekin. The black with white Bib is a Black Swedish. The duck closer to the Pekin is a Crested Duck. It has a small top- knot. The solid dark colored duck is a Rouen crossbreed. These are all domestic ducks of Mallard descent. These cross with wild waterfowl creating hybrids and destroying the wild gene pool. Many of these are abandoned from irresponsible people to fend for themselves. I've seen domesticated ducks pair and cross with wild Mallard, wild American Black Duck. In captivity I've seen domestic Mallard derivatives cross with Mallard, American Black Duck, American Pintail, and Carolina Wood Duck. Domestic Drake's are extremely virile and aggressive.