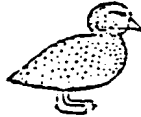


Class I Downy, no feathers visible



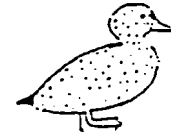
IA

Body rounded: neck and tail not prominent.
Age: 1-4 days



IB

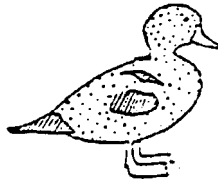
Down color fading.
Age: 5-8 days



IC

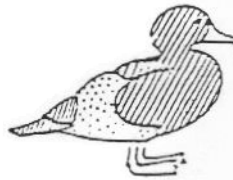
Neck and tail prominent. Gawky.
Age: 9-14 days.

Class II Partly feathered



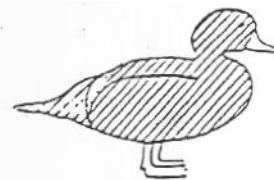
IIA

First feathers. Less than 1/2 of side feathered.
Age: 15-25 days



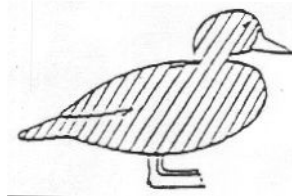
IIB

1/2 or more of side feathered
Down on nape, back, or upper rump.
Age: 25-35 days



IIC

Class III Fully feathered, flightless



Age: 36-51 days



Down



Feathers

Appendix E, Fig. 1. Guide to aging harlequin ducklings in the field (Cassirer and Groves 1994, from diagram in Dimmick and Pelton 1994:173, after Gollop and Marshall 1954).