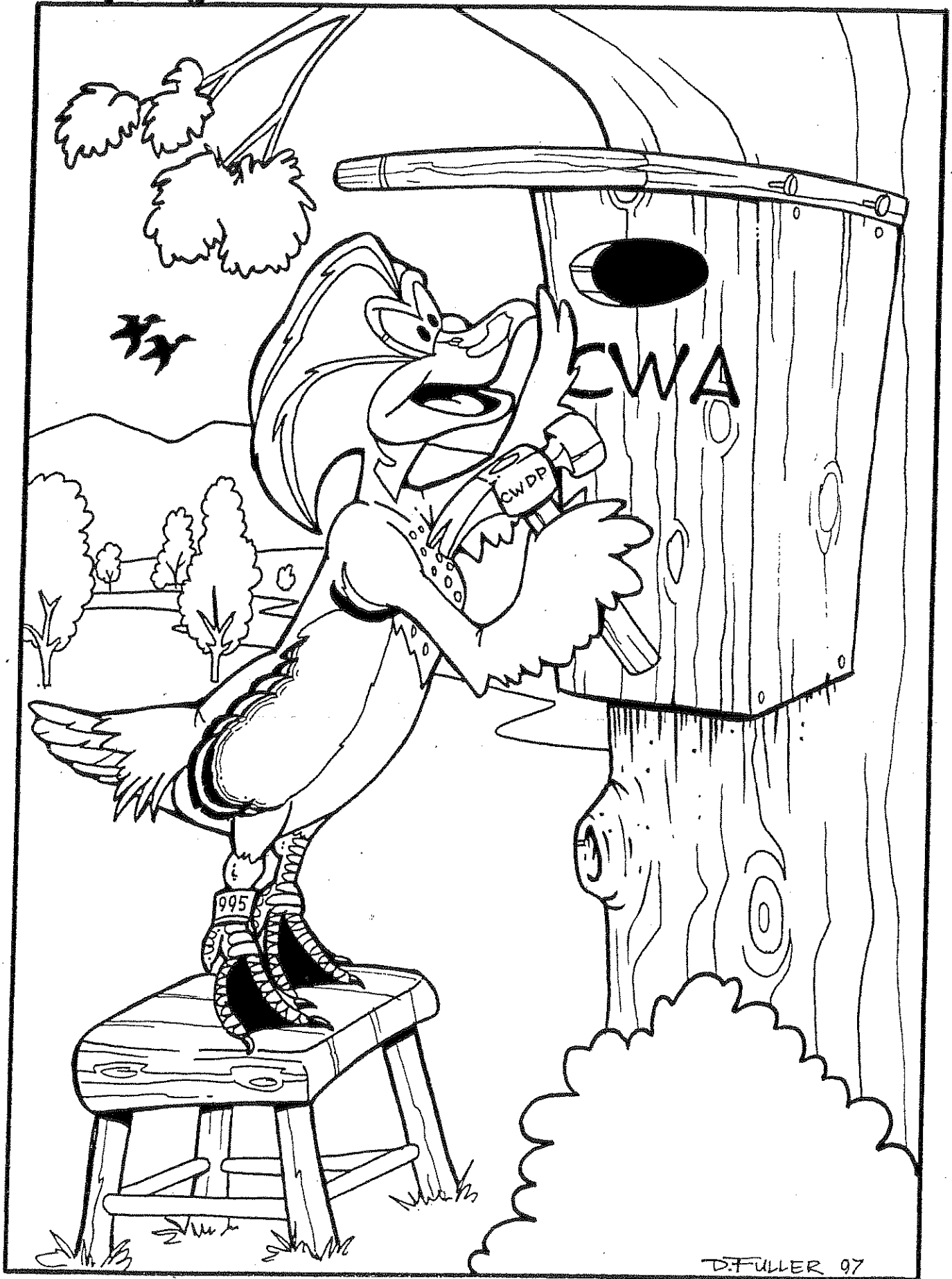
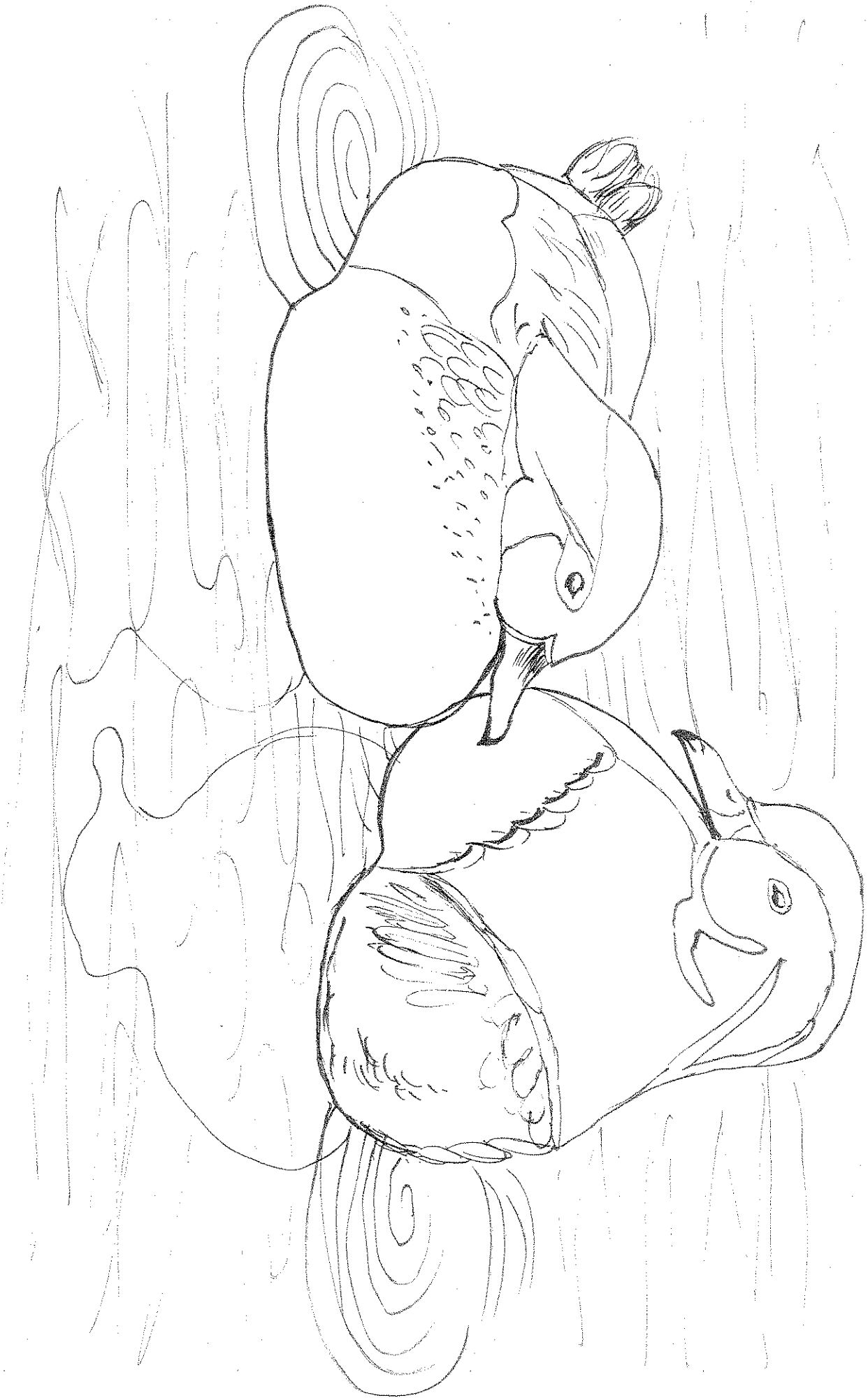


Woody



WOOD DUCKS— Wood ducks breed across most of the central and eastern United States. They pair up in late winter and begin breeding in early spring. Wood ducks build their nests in trees near water. They like riparian habitats, wooded swamps, and freshwater marshes. They feed on aquatic plants, seeds, nuts, and fruit.

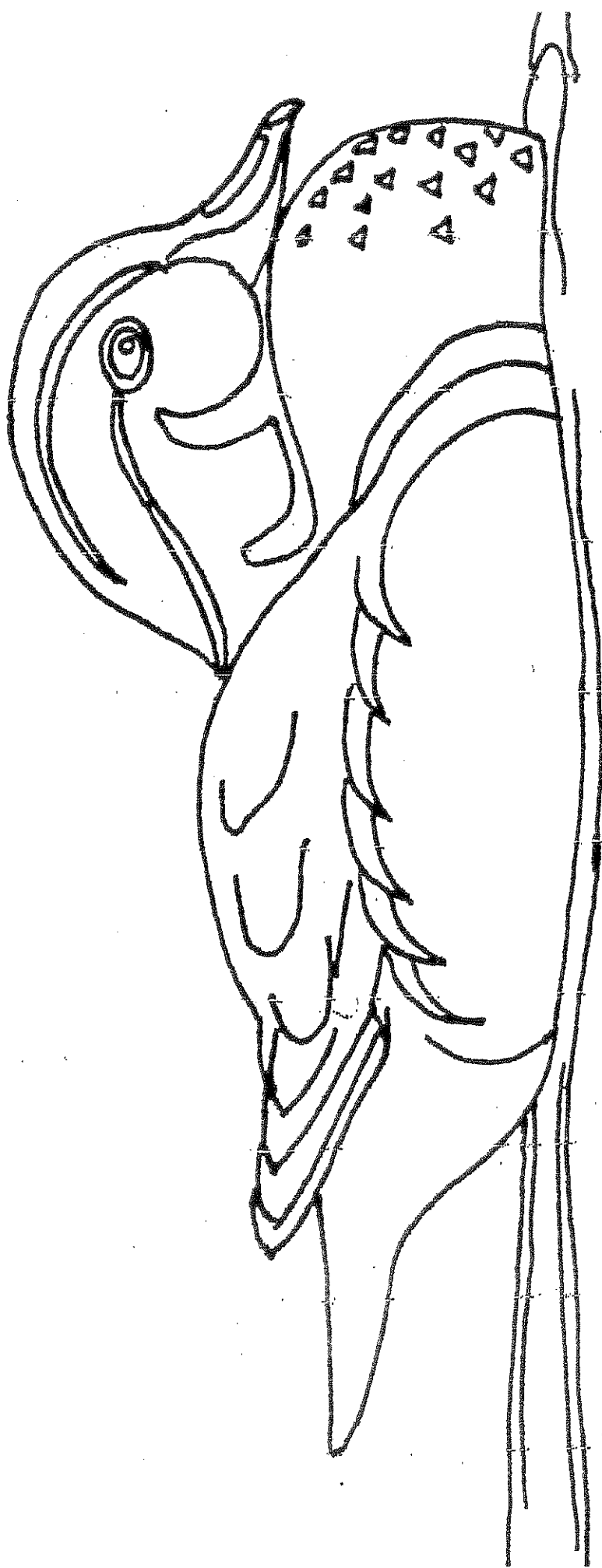


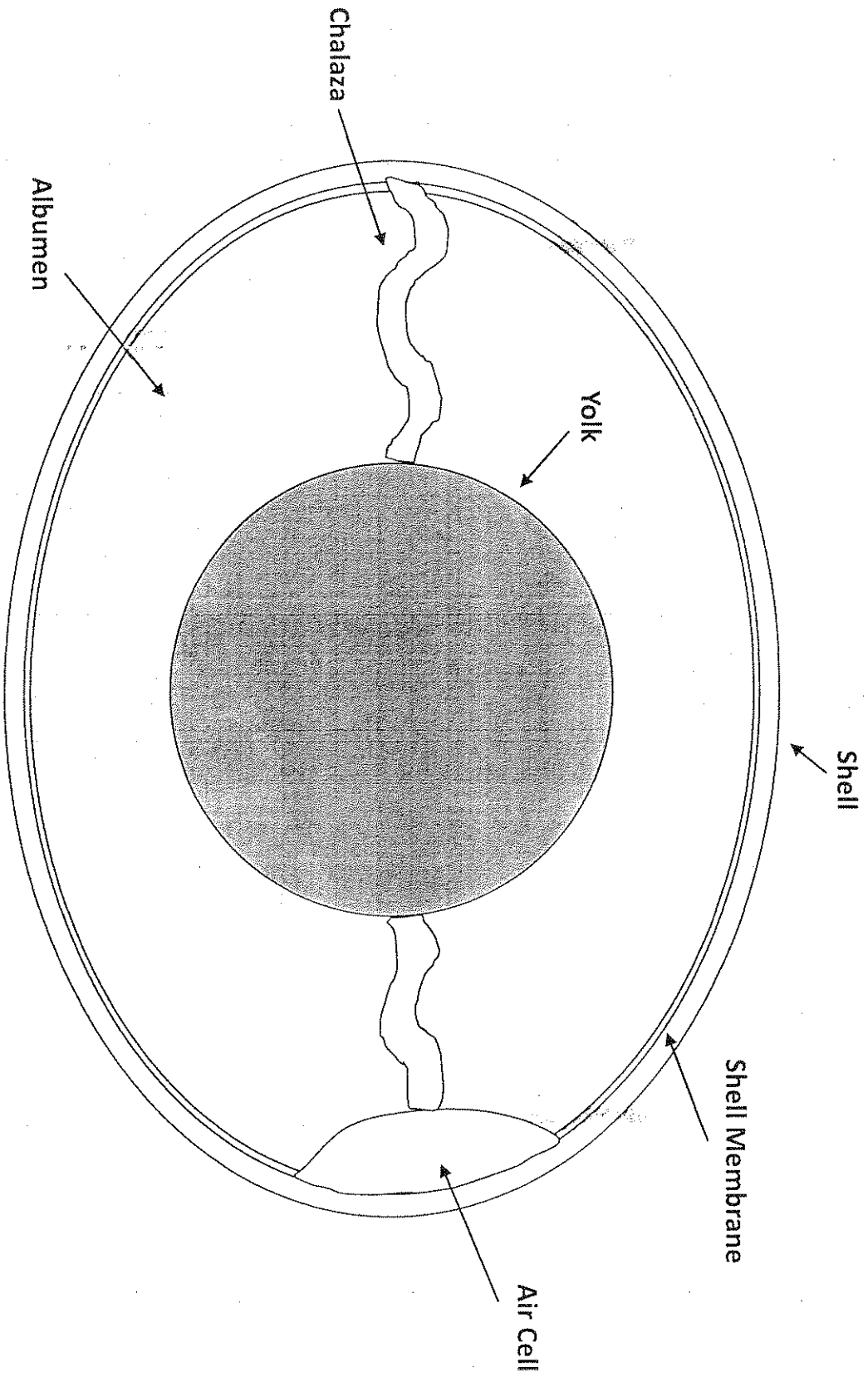


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WOOD DUCKS NEST IN TREES...

Wood ducks are perching ducks that live in forested wetlands. The males have colorful green and white heads with crests, which are extra long feathers on the back of their heads. Wood ducks perch in trees to rest and make their nests in the cavities (holes) of trees. When the ducklings hatch, they must jump from the tree to the ground and travel to nearby wetlands. Because not enough natural nesting cavities are available for wood ducks, they will use man-made nest boxes. Building nest boxes is a fun project for kids and parents who want to give nature a helping hand.





Inside a Wood Duck Egg