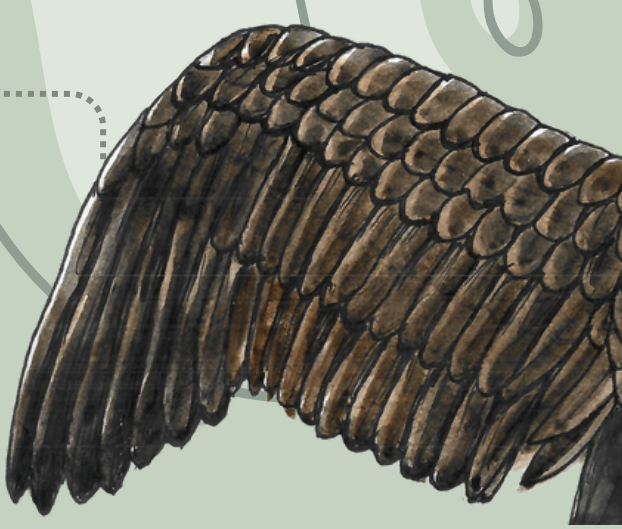
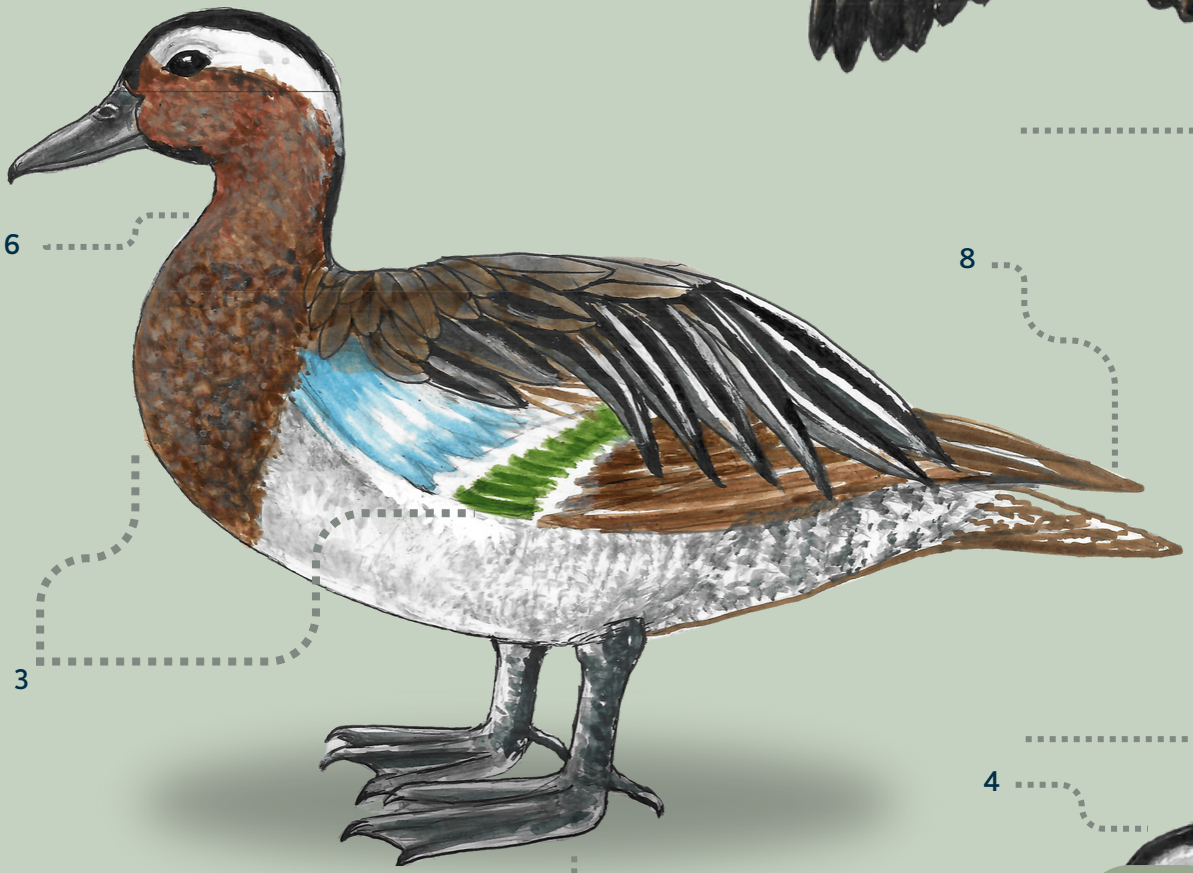
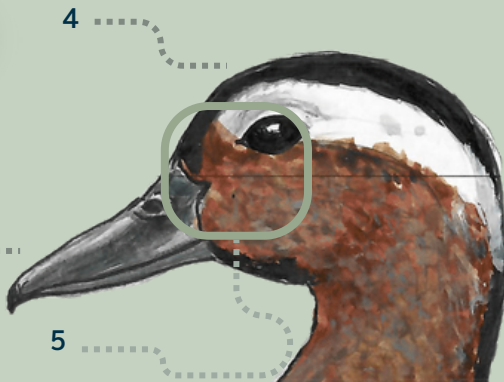
This guide, crafted by the MBP Group and tailored for bird enthusiasts, provides essential tips to help you identify birds. Here are some pointers to enhance your bird identification skills!

1. **Beak Shape:** Observe the shape of the bird's beak. Different species have varying beak shapes for specific feeding behaviours.
2. **Body Size:** Note the bird's overall size. Compare it to familiar references to gauge its dimensions.
3. **Plumage Coloration:** Examine the colours and patterns of the bird's feathers. Look for distinctive spots, stripes, or patches.
4. **Head Markings:** Check for unique head features such as crowns, crests, eyelines, or distinct eye colours.
5. **Eye Rings and Lore:** Look for rings or patches around the eyes (eyelines) and the area between the eyes and the beak (lores).
6. **Neck and Throat:** Observe any special colors, patterns, or markings on the bird's neck and throat.
7. **Wings:** Inspect the shape of the wings and watch for significant wing patterns or markings.
8. **Tail:** Analyze the length and shape of the tail. Take note of any distinctive tail patterns.
9. **Legs and Feet:** Examine the color, size, and shape of the bird's legs and feet. Look for unique features such as talons or webbed feet.
10. **Habitat:** Consider the environment where the bird is usually found, whether it's in forests, wetlands, or open fields.
11. **Behavior:** Pay attention to behaviors and flight patterns, like wading, diving, or specialized foraging techniques.