

Duck Viral Enteritis - vaccination

Thankfully the disease is very seasonal. All susceptible species should be vaccinated in March or early April of each year. The vaccine is not expensive and is very effective. However if insufficient stock is used, the licensing company will not import it from Europe where it is manufactured.

This list has been compiled by Martin Brown of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Slimbridge, where stock have been routinely vaccinated for a number of years.

Remember if birds become infected but survive they will become carriers of the causative Herpes virus and are likely to shed the virus again the following year during the risk season.

High Susceptibility

Cape Barren goose
Blue winged goose
Andean goose
Upland goose
Kelp goose
Ashy headed goose
Ruddy headed goose
Orinoco goose
Egyptian goose

Ruddy shelduck
South African shelduck
Australian shelduck
Paradise shelduck
Common shelduck
Radjah shelduck

Magellanic steamer-duck
Falkland steamer-duck

Spur winged goose
Muscovy duck
White winged duck
Hartlaub's duck

African black duck
American Black duck
Florida duck
Mallard
Hawaiian duck
Laysan duck
Chinese spot-billed duck
Philippine duck
Australian black duck
Yellow-billed duck
Meller's duck

Medium susceptibility

Mute swan
Bewicks swan
Coscoroba swan

Crested duck
Cape teal
Flacated duck

Chestnut teal
Brown teal
White cheeked pintail
Red-billed pintail
South Georgian Pintail
Baikal teal
Siilver Teal

Wood duck
Mandarin duck
Brazilian duck

Low susceptibility to DVE

Magpie goose
Hawaiian goose
Canada goose

Gadwall
Eurasian wigeon
American wigeon
Chiloe wigeon
Cape shoveler
Red shoveler
Maned duck

European eider
Goosander