

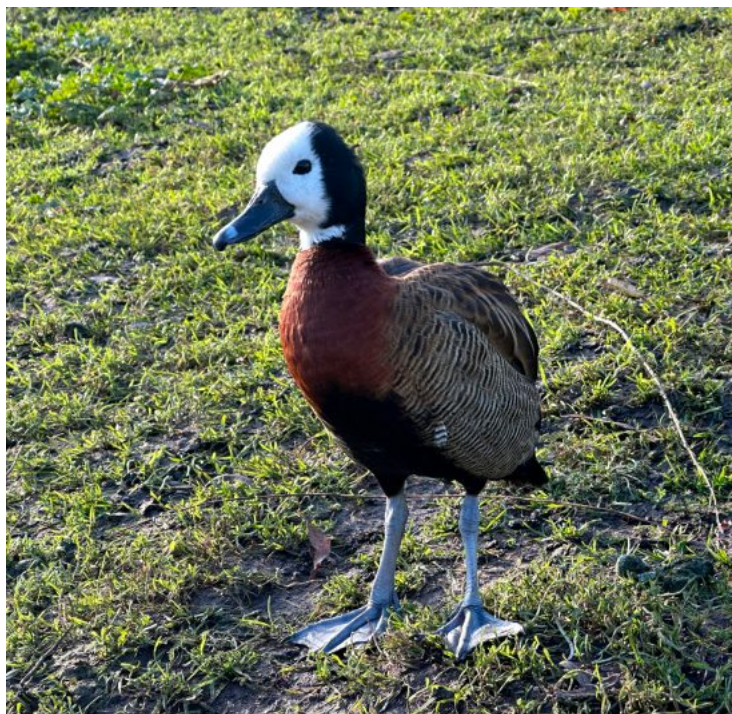
## A duck for Christmas

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We went on a walk around Ely this morning, noticing just how quiet it was.

Down at the river was this chap:



He definitely should not be in Ely right now. That is a white-faced whistling duck. It should be in sub-Saharan Africa or South America.

I am quite sure it did not get here of its own accord. I strongly suspect it has escaped from a collection.

The good news is that it was very obviously getting along with its neighbours just fine, and has worked out exactly where to be to get fed on the river.

I rather like that, and so long as it has learned of the dangers of both cats and foxes it

might do just fine for a while. There is room at the inn on the river for this one.