

o The Common Gallinule has long toes that make it possible to walk on soft mud and floating vegetation. They started breeding in Pennsylvania for the first time in 1904; now they breed as far north as the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

o One subspecies of the Common Gallinule is found only in the Hawaiian Islands and is often called the Hawaiian Gallinule, or alae ula, where it is an endangered species.

o Common Gallinules build nests to raise their young, but they also build platforms of matted vegetation to display for potential mates.