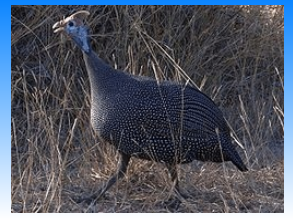




Guinea Fowl

Scientific name



What is the history of my relationship to man?

This is a family of insect and seed-eating, ground-nesting birds. Farmers use them for keeping insects that may damage crops from getting over abundant.

Habitat / Climate

Wooded and grassy areas

Can handle both hot and cold climates.

Where am I from?

Africa is our original home but we live all over now.



Who are my relatives?

Our family the guineafowl (sometimes called guineahen) are a family of birds in the same order as the pheasants, turkeys and other game birds.



Other family members:

Galliformes
Peafowl

Breeding Potential

Clutch size 25 to 30 eggs
Number of offspring per year?
This depends on how many hens use the nest.

How am I born?

I am hatched from an egg. There will be about 25 eggs in my nest, not all of them are laid by my Mom. A lot of hens share our nest. The nest will be a deep and tapering. Our eggs are small, dark and extremely thick shelled. It will take about 27 days for me to hatch.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

We are called "keets" when we are young. We are very small at birth. The keets are kept in a brooder box inside the house until about 6 weeks of age, before being moved into a proper coop/enclosure. I can live for about 5 years on average.

Breeding Season

A N F M A M J J A S O N D
B E R R Y N U L G P T V C

Names for:

Adult male- Cock
Adult female- Hen
Young- Keet
Group:- Flocks

What kind of family life do I have?

We are a small flock bird and do well with other fowl in small groups.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

We eat lice, worms, ants, spiders, weed seeds, and ticks while on range or we can also eat chicken layer crumbles (a kind of commercial bird food) while housed in a coop.

Who are my predators?

Birds of Prey and dogs are our most common predators..



Comments:

Here at the Ranch we use the Guineas to eat ticks and fleas.