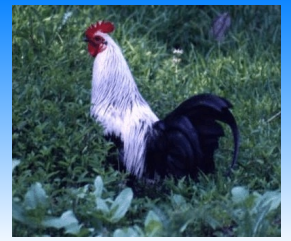




Poultry

(Chicken)
Galliformes



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Chickens were first domesticated around 7000 B.C. The bones of chickens have been found in Egyptian tombs. People have liked to keep chickens because they are easy to get started and care for.

Habitat / Climate

Fowl can live in almost any climate as long as you provide shelter from the elements

Where am I from?

Poultry are domesticated birds from around the world. The wild chickens seem to have been common in India and E. Asia.



Who are my relatives?

Most of us think of chickens when someone says poultry. There are other kinds of fowl that are poultry, these are Ducks, Geese, Peacock, Swan and Turkey



Other family members:

Wild family
Mallard,
Red Jungle fowl

Breeding Potential

Clutch size up to 12 eggs

How am I born?

I hatch from an egg. Depending on what type of fowl I am, the egg can be different sizes and colors. I arrive with all my feathers (down) and am able to forage for food on my own.

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

My down changes to real feathers in about 3 weeks. I continue to grow and at about 3 months I am full size. I can live for several years depending on how well I am cared for.

Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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What kind of family life do I have?

Normally I live with other fowl in both small and large groups called a flock. In the wild I roam free. At night I roost in trees. When we are taken care of by man I usually have a home called a coop.

Names for:

Chicken
Adult male-Cock
Adult female-Hen
Young- Chick
Group:- Flock

What do I eat and when do I eat?

I can free range for food on the ground like seeds, vegetables and bugs. I also get man- made feed when I am caged, like chicken pellets and crumbles.



Who are my predators?

Many animals will try to catch me like chicken hawks racoons and even dogs. Man both takes care of me and uses me for food.

Comments:

In our chicken coop we have many types of fowl. , Bronze Turkey , Bourbon Red Chicken, Brahma Chicken, Golden Pheasant, Guinea fowl, Rhode Island Red Chicken, Silkie Chicken, Indian Fantail Pigeon, Homing Pigeon and assorted crosses.