

# Domestic Chicken

Scientific name: *Gallus gallus domesticus*



## Facts:

Height	10" - 24" (varies with breed)
Wingspan	17" - 23"
Weight	2 - 8 lbs
Lifestyle	Social, Diurnal (active during daylight)
Lifespan	8 - 10 years

## Diet: Omnivore

Wild chickens are omnivores, gobbling insects, seeds, lizards and young mice. Domesticated birds are usually fed simple, balanced diets of feed.

## Behavior:

Chickens live in social groups consisting of a dominant rooster and hens with their offspring. Within this group there is a hierarchy in which the dominant birds get first access to food, nesting locations, and roosting spots



## Did you know?

Chickens have a great memory. They can distinguish between over 100 different faces of people or animals.

## Backyard Chickens:

There are health benefits to keeping your own chickens. If you eat a lot of eggs, then there are good reasons to switch to eggs from hens roaming in your backyard. Evidence suggests eggs raised under these conditions are higher in critical vitamins, minerals, and fatty acids.

