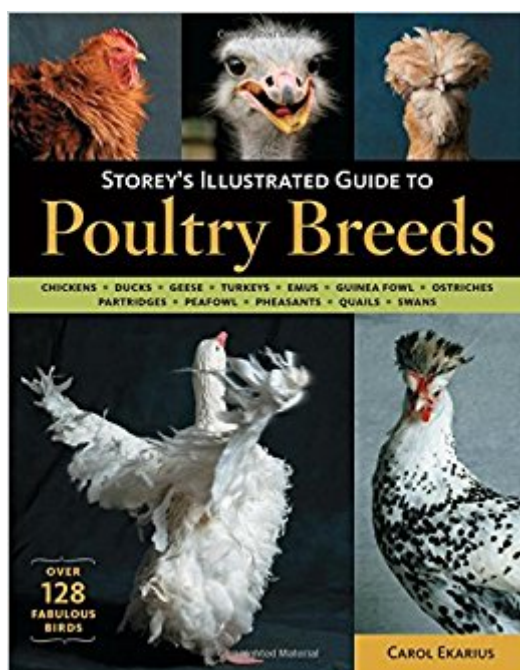


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# Storey's Illustrated Guide To Poultry Breeds: Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Emus, Guinea Fowl, Ostriches, Partridges, Peafowl, Pheasants, Quails, Swans



## Synopsis

More than 128 birds strut their stuff across the pages of this definitive primer for intrepid poultry farmers and feather fanciers alike. From the Manx Rumpy to the Redcap and the Ancona duck to his Aylesbury cousin, each breed is profiled with a brief history, detailed descriptions of identifying characteristics, and colorful photography. Comprehensive and fun, Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds celebrates the personalities and charming good looks of North America's quirkiest barnyard birds and waterfowl.

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## Customer Reviews

Although most people think the term poultry refers to chickens, it also includes other domesticated farm birds, such as ducks, geese, and turkeys. Livestock breeder Ekarius covers all these birds and more in her colorful guide to poultry varieties. After an introductory chapter on poultry genetics and breeding, the author begins with the most numerous of poultry, the chickens. She takes a breed-by-breed look at each type, divided into the laying breeds, the meat breeds, and the ornamental breeds. A short write-up describes the breed, giving a little of its history and development. Boxed facts list the poultry show class, the size, details of the feather color, comb and wattles, place of origin, conservation status (many breeds are rare or endangered), and any special qualities. Waterfowl, turkeys, and other birds, such as guinea fowl, ostriches, and pigeons, each receive similar treatment. Beautiful photographs illustrate each breed. An extensive glossary,

a list of resources (including breed clubs, other organizations, and hatcheries), and a bibliography complete a nice all-in-one introduction. Bent, Nancy Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

More than 128 birds strut their stuff across the pages of Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds, the ultimate primer for farmers and fanciers alike. Admire the handsome black and white plumage of Lakenvelder roosters, read the fascinating history of the Blue Hens of Delaware, and marvel at the petite size and toylike appearance of Call ducks. And if you're curious to know which heritage turkeys are making a comeback, look no further. This definitive guide to North American barnyard and wild fowl includes a brief history of each breed, detailed descriptions of identifying characteristics, and colorful photography that celebrates the birds' quirky personalities and charming good looks. If it's fowl facts and photos you want, you'll find them all here.

I bought this book mostly to look at the chickens but it does also include various ducks, gees, emus (!), peafowl, swans and more. I intended this as a supplement to other chicken (etc) resources as it gives some really great studio shots of the breeds that many other books don't even have photos of. I also very much enjoyed the section on colors and feather patterns. In this regard the book really shines. My only (small) quibble with the book had to do with layout issues. The chicken breeds were divided between layers and meat breeds and I have to admit a little confusion as to how the so-called dual purpose breeds ended up in whichever section. The division made me flip the pages back and forth a bit more to find my favorites. Also, each breed was allotted one to two pages for photos (the 'studio shot' plus more in some cases to delineate colors or other features) as well as a brief write-up. Unfortunately, again this is a SMALL quibble, but for some breeds that had 1.5 or 2 pages this involved either spilling over to the next breeds page or (gasp!) actually turning a page. In a style book like this it seems like it would have been more visually appealing to have all the information in one spot--either do one page or two (so no breed has to share) and if it is 2 pages, then keep it so the pages are even/odd (ie can be seen at once). Also, though this is mostly a picture book, there was breed information included (yay!) but the one thing I would have liked to see added in this case is anticipated egg production. Especially as some of the dual purpose birds ended up in the meat section, it would be nice to know (for example) the Delaware is actually a pretty darn good egg producer and can lay relatively well in the winter. Like I said, these are just small quibbles as overall the photography was splendid and having so many breeds in one non-electronic resource to look at is excellent. I would love to see a little tweaking to the layout and then see the book

published as a hardcover/coffee table type book. Chickens are getting so popular as backyard pets/animals that I have a feeling that type of book would do very well. Highly Recommended! JTG

This is a terrific book. I refer to it often. When I do, I am always aware of where this book falls short...consistency. While the chicken section, for example, is organized by layers, meat, etc they do not consistently tell you how many eggs each chicken lays. Some have this info, some it doesn't even speak about it (even in the layer section). It would be nice if there were a list of facts they consistently provided for each bird. Also, while the book is filled with wonderful pictures, it is mainly of roosters...it would have been helpful if they provided a more even spread of hens and roosters, or even more useful-more hens, since people are more likely to keep hens than roosters. I would also like to see it include more photos of popular plumage for each bird. One or two, when there are so many available, seems skimpy. If a book offered these changes, it would be, in my opinion, the best possible book about individual poultry breeds...until then, this is a pretty dang good book. There isn't any other that is better (so far....hint hint hint publishers!)

I expected a lot more from Storey and this author. Beautiful pictures but sometimes only of the roo. The information is not consistently ordered. One breed might say brown eggs, another tell a laying count and still another nothing about eggs. Some are in the summary box and some are mentioned in the body only. Also, they're divided into meat, eggs, ornamental....I feel just alpha order with main usage noted would have read better. As it is I have to go to the index to learn my Orpington is considered a meat bird so that's where she is in the book. Wanting to see if her 3-4 eggs a week is average for the breed? Good luck; the only mention..."plenty of brown eggs." Plenty for who? A single person or a family of 4 or selling? If you know zero about chickens this is pretty to thumb through and that's about it.

This book has been invaluable in planning what birds we get for our homestead. It is very informative and has beautiful pictures to go along with the information, so you can see the birds they are talking about. I would recommend this book to anyone who is even remotely interested in poultry.

What a bargain this big, beautiful book is! Nice photos and one or two page descriptions of just about all the common US standard bred chickens, plus ducks and geese. Great for the person considering a new breed. This book can help you determine which breeds are:-gentle/docile versus

aggressive-calm or "flighty"-quiet or noisy-cold-hardy or cold-intolerant-good layers or poor layers-brown, white, or tinted egg layers-largest and smallest-easy keepers or in need of special husbandry-plain or fancy-looking!!'ve spent hours reading and re-reading this book. :) If you are new to chickens (or ducks or geese) this is a handy and beautiful book which can help you avoid making a mistake that could sour you on chickens. Don't end up with an aggressive flighty bird if you are looking for a cuddly family pet-- check out this book and another great one (which has slightly different kinds of information) entitled "Choosing and Keeping Chickens".

The title says it all. I wanted a book of chicken breeds, so I could see how the hens of various breeds looked. Unfortunately, the books I bought before this had awesome photos of roosters or just the heads of roosters or roosters with blurry hens in the background. This book does a good job of giving some information about the breeds and having pictures of both hens and roosters. It has a good selection of chicken breeds although I wish it had a few more. I also enjoyed looking at the other poultry breeds in the book. While I don't feel the need to go buy a turkey, duck, or emu I was glad to be able to read about them. This book was a great addition to my library and I highly recommend it.

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