



## The Christopher Farm & Gardens – Information about ducks:

With a 120 duck species in the world, ducks populate every continent except Antarctica. It wasn't until about 500 years ago that the first ducks were domesticated. Now about 22

million ducks are raised annually in the United States. While many are raised on commercial duck operations, smaller farms raised them for family use or as pets.

Ducks are true waterfowl because they primarily inhabit wetland areas.

- Male ducks are called drakes, females are called hens
- Baby ducks are called ducklings
- Ducks have webbed feet which allow them to swim good
- Ducks feet have no nerves so they never get cold
- All ducks have highly waterproof feathers
- Some ducks can migrate up to 800 miles per day
- Mallards typically fly between 40 and 60 mph
- The fastest recorded flight for a duck was 100 mph
- Only a few ducks quack, most make other noises
- American ducks overwinter in southern states and Mexico
- Ducks will migrate day or night
- Ducks can live up to 20 years in the wild
- White Pekin is the most popular duck variety
- Domestic ducks are descendants from either Muscovy or Mallard

