



# PEKIN DUCK

*(ANAS PLATYRHYNCHOS DOMESTICUS)*

## ANIMAL FACTS

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### WILD LOCALITY:

Domestic, Derived from the Mallard Duck, Originated in China

### HABITAT:

(Mallard) Throughout most of the Northern Hemisphere

### LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial, Non-Flighted, & Aquatic (strictly ground dwelling, & swimming)

### DIET:

Vegetation & Small Animals (omnivore)

### LIFE EXPECTANCY:

~ 8-12 years

### ADULT SIZE:

~ 8-12lb

### ACTIVITY:

Diurnal (active during the day)

### CONSERVATION STATUS:

(Mallard) Least Concern

### FUN FACTS:

Pekin Ducks are the most popular domestic duck in the world, and originate from China. They were first brought over to the United States in the 1800's, and were primarily intended for food purposes. They are one of the largest and heaviest breeds of duck, and often weigh 10 or 12 pounds! Since they are so heavy, they are strictly ground-dwelling and can not fly. However, they do swim well, thanks to their waterproof feathers, large webbed feet, and buoyant bodies.