

# African Goose

**Kingdom:** Animalia **Phylum:** Chordata **Class:** Aves **Order:** Anseriformes **Family:** Anatidae  
*Anser cygnoides*

**Description:** The African Goose has a heavy body and thick neck. Mature birds have a large knob above their beaks. The bill and the knob are black on the brown geese and orange on the White African Goose.

**Weight:** 18-20 pounds

**Life Span:** 10-15 years

**Status:** Domesticated

## Special Characteristics:

- Originating in Southeast China, the African Goose was brought to the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- The African Goose appears physically to be a cross between the Toulouse Goose, and the Brown Chinese Goose. It has some of the size and the dewlap of the Toulouse Goose, and some of the carriage and "knob" of the Chinese Goose.
- The dewlap runs down from the bill into the neck.
- The knob requires several years to fully develop.
- They are raised for eggs and meat.
- They are a gentle breed and considered quiet.
- They can handle extremely cold weather but their knobs and dewlaps must be protected from frostbite.

## Reproduction:

- Each gander will mate with 2-6 geese.
- Will produce a clutch at 1 year old.
- Egg color is white.
- Will lay 10-20 eggs in a season.
- Eggs hatch in 30-32 days.
- Will develop the dewlap between 6 and 18 months.

