

# Learn about Chickens!

Chickens are domestic animals that originated in Southeast Asia. Chickens come in a variety of patterns and colors but the roosters are always more colorful and have large ornaments on their head called a comb!

## Chickens are Predators

Chickens are kept by many people for both their meat and for their eggs. Chickens can be awesome back yard helpers by protecting pest insects from your garden! Chickens generally stay on the ground, where their food is, but they can fly if they need to, usually to escape carnivores like foxes or cats.



## Junglefowl, Wild Chickens!

Chickens were domesticated from wild birds called Junglefowl. Junglefowl are much smaller than most domestic chicken breeds and like their name suggests are found in the jungles of Southeast Asia. There they mostly eat insects in the dense undergrowth of the forest floor, where their bright feathers are excellent camouflage!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

# Multicolored Chickens and Eggs

Different varieties of chicken lay different colors of eggs, many that you see in stores are white but chicken eggs can also be brown, copper, and even blue!

Label which is the female chicken (called a hen) and which is the male chicken (called a rooster) and then design the eggs you want the hen to lay!

