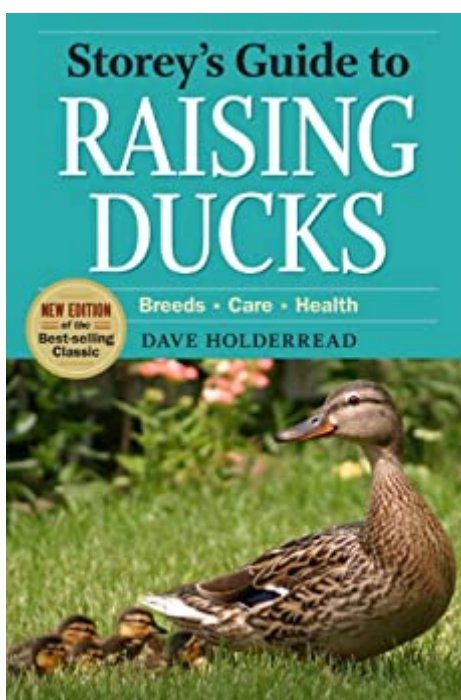


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# Storey's Guide To Raising Ducks, 2nd Edition: Breeds, Care, Health (Storey's Guide To Raising)



## Synopsis

With in-depth information on feeding, housing, behavior, and health care, this comprehensive guide also provides proven strategies for creating a profitable business plan and marketing your products. Whether you're about to acquire your first ducks or are interested in experimenting with rare breeds, Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks will help you achieve your duck-raising goals.

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## Customer Reviews

If you only buy one book about raising ducks, this is the one you want. This book helped me choose a breed, design a predator-resistant duck house and duck yard, and create a healthy feeding/watering plan. With its help, I raised mail-order ducklings to a healthy laying flock--losing only 1 out of 9 ducklings. It is a VERY PRACTICAL guide written by a man who has tons of experience breeding, raising, and showing ducks of many different breeds. It has probably some of the best breed descriptions (although, of course, not lots of beautiful color photos) in any duck book I've read. His duck feeding, watering, and housing guides are in-depth and practical. I refer to them

frequently as the needs of my flock change. I find if I'm running into trouble--it's usually because I disregarded one of his suggestions. His health section has tips to prevent illness in the first place, and treatment suggestions keeping in mind the real world value of your average duck. There is a short section on butchering/ recipes too, as well as showing.

I love the "Storey's Guide to Raising..." books. They are just packed with great information. I'm getting ready to start my backyard ranch and these books will be indispensable. I'll list all of the chapter headings for each of the books I got to give you an idea of the information you'll be getting. Here's the list for Ducks: Why Ducks External Features and Behavior Choosing the Right Duck Bantam Breeds Lightweight Breeds Mediumweight Breeds Heavyweight Breeds The Importance of Preserving Rare Breeds Hybrid Ducks Understanding Duck Colors Acquiring Stock Incubation Rearing Ducklings Managing Adult Ducks Understanding Feeds Butchering Health and Physical Problems Showtime This book also contains Acknowledgements, a Foreword, Glossary, and Appendix which includes; Mixing Duck Rations, Symptoms of Vitamin and Mineral Deficiencies in Ducks, Predators, Duck Recipes, Using Feathers and Down, Duck Breakers and Hachery Guide, Sources of Supplies and Equipment, and Organizations and Publications. Like I said, packed with great information.

If you want to raise ducks, are thinking about raising ducks, dream about raising ducks, or just like to read about ducks, this is the book you need. This book is the Everything you always wanted to know about ducks written by one of the preeminent experts on ducks, covering topics such as genetics, housing, feed, and many others. Admittedly Mr Holderread is not the liveliest writer in all the world but he knows his stuff, and that is what I came for. It may well be true that in farming there is no teacher quite like experience but I have referred to these pages many times to help me to formulate feed, avoid potentially serious problems by understanding certain behavioral characteristics, and make sound management decisions not just for the ducks but my other birds also. I am quite certain that my ducks and probably my other birds too derived great benefit from the information gathered from these pages, and possibly live healthier and happier lives.

Five years after purchase and I still readily reference this from my bookshelf. Originally purchased as a personal reference while working as a naturalist at a waterfowl wildlife refuge where I was assisting in tending habitats and care for wild waterfowl and injured-secured wild or domestic waterfowl. A year later, I brought home an abandoned, domestic muscovy duckling from work -- who

then needed a friend and purchased a domestic khaki campbell duckling. I've used this book and Kimberley Link's "The Ultimate Pet Duck Guidebook" (which is crazily priced at the moment of writing, but I purchased when \$10 used) as my reference guides in duck keeping and they are the only two I own on the topic. They both cover some similar material but also vast other amounts individually. Both have become a great set to lend to new duck owners before they go out and buy any guides or reference material for themselves.

I had ducks growing up but am basically getting ducks for the first time now that we have 2 kids and live in the country. I plan on getting 3-4 and just need a quick easy reading book that I can reference to quickly if needed. This book is great because it has a ton of info. But there's so much info that I don't need in it and each topic is covered in great detail. I got a little bored with the book and just skimmed through the specific topics I was looking for. I'm disappointed there's no color pictures and not a lot of pictures to help with descriptions. It's not a very fun book. This book seems like it would be excellent for someone wanting to be a duck farmer rather than just having a couple pet ducks. I recommend the book, Duck Eggs Daily by Lisa Steele for people who want to have a few pet ducks.

So far, so good. I have been doing a lot of research online regarding raising ducklings. This book came recommended by many breeders. The book is packed with information. Some of which I can skip over.. IT goes into other breeds of ducks that I do not own and first aid. Things that I many need to know in the future. I do wish that the book when more in detail of actual brands that the author uses. Adding Niacin or not adding Niacin with different types of crumble is confusing to me. I'm still researching this subject online. Maybe a comparison between the food brands. Manna Pro vs Purina, vs chick feed. I have definitely learned a lot from this book.

Needless to say, a great book, but I'd recommend also buying The Ultimate Pet Duck Guidebook, which has some info that this book doesn't. With both in hand, you'll be set!

I have this guide for chickens and it's been my main source of information for the past five years. Now that we are getting some ducks I knew exactly which book I wanted to purchase. Informative and easy to navigate.

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