Poultry in Your Backyard

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Domestic Poultry in Urban Settings
Benefits From the Flock

- relaxing activity
- companionship
- social interaction
- learn from farming
- safe food
Health & Safety Concerns

- feed storage
- fly control
- sanitation
- rodent control
- disposal of waste
Responsibility For Your New Companions

- Set backs
- 25 feet from property line
- Adequate space
- 1.5 square feet for each pound your bird weighs
Loving Your Birds

- proper pen
- careful care
- proper litter
- proper feeders
- safety from predators
- balanced diet
- egg collection
Avoiding Unnecessary Conflict

- appearance
- property values
- odor
- nuisance birds
- noise
- local government and home association rules
- variances
Wonderful Results

- eggs
- meat
- compost
- selling birds
- shows
# Choice of Birds

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<th>Breed</th>
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<th>Eggshell Color</th>
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<td>Barred Plymouth Rock</td>
<td>Black and white barring</td>
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<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Oldest breed; excellent dual-purpose breed</td>
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<td>Black Sex-Links</td>
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<td>Black Australorps</td>
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<td>Excellent, small-flock producer; hardy</td>
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<td>Ameraucanas</td>
<td>Multicolored (white, brown, red, black)</td>
<td>Green, blue, light brown</td>
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<td>From South America; nicknamed &quot;Easter Egg Chicken&quot; due to color of eggshell</td>
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<td>White Leghorn</td>
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<td>Excellent layer</td>
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<td>New Hampshire Reds</td>
<td>Chestnut red</td>
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<td>Popular, dual-purpose breed; grows fast</td>
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<td>Silver Laced Wyandottes</td>
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<td>Beautiful old breed; popular for cold areas</td>
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<td>Buff Orpingtons</td>
<td>Rich golden buff</td>
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<td>Large breed with quiet disposition; popular backyard flock</td>
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