## 50 Fun, Kooky, and Downright Weird Facts About Chickens

Chickens are one of the most common birds in the world, and they're also one of the most fascinating. Here are 50 fun, kooky, and downright weird facts about chickens that you probably never knew.


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## 1. Chickens can dream.

Scientists have discovered that chickens experience REM sleep, which is the same stage of sleep in which humans dream. So, it's likely that chickens dream too!

## 2. Chickens have their own language.

Chickens communicate with each other using a variety of vocalizations, including clucks, peeps, and squawks. Each vocalization has a different meaning, and chickens can understand each other's calls.

## 3. Chickens can recognize up to $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ human faces.

Chickens have a remarkable ability to recognize human faces. They can even distinguish between different people, and they'll often react differently to people they know and trust.

## 4. Chickens are social animals.

Chickens are flock animals, and they thrive in the company of other chickens. They'll often cuddle together, groom each other, and play together.

## 5. Chickens are omnivores.

Chickens will eat just about anything, including plants, insects, and small animals. They're also known to eat their own eggs!

## 6. Chickens can lay up to $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ eggs per year.

Chickens are prolific egg-layers, and they can lay up to 300 eggs per year. The average chicken will lay an egg every day or two.

## 7. Chickens have a lifespan of 5 to $\mathbf{8}$ years.

The average chicken has a lifespan of 5 to 8 years. However, some chickens have been known to live for up to 20 years.

## 8. Chickens are the most popular poultry in the world.

Chickens are the most popular poultry in the world, and they're raised for both their meat and their eggs. There are over 19 billion chickens in the world.
9. Chickens are descended from the red junglefowl.

Chickens are descended from the red junglefowl, a wild bird that is native to Southeast Asia. The red junglefowl was domesticated in China around 8,000 years ago.

## 10. Chickens come in a variety of colors and sizes.

Chickens come in a wide variety of colors and sizes. The most common color is white, but chickens can also be black, brown, red, or yellow.
Chickens can also vary in size, with some breeds being much larger than others.

## 11. Chickens are good at math.

Chickens have a surprising ability to do math. They can count up to 10, and they can even understand simple addition and subtraction.

## 12. Chickens can fly.

Chickens are not known for their flying abilities, but they can actually fly for short distances. They'll often fly up to roosts or to escape from predators.

## 13. Chickens have a sense of smell.

Chickens have a keen sense of smell. They can use their noses to find food, and they can even smell danger.

## 14. Chickens have a good memory.

Chickens have a good memory, and they can remember people, places, and things. They can even remember their favorite hiding spots!

## 15. Chickens are curious animals.

Chickens are curious animals, and they'll often explore their surroundings. They'll peck at things, scratch at the ground, and even climb trees.

## 16. Chickens are social animals.

Chickens are social animals, and they enjoy spending time with other chickens. They'll often cuddle together, groom each other, and play together.

## 17. Chickens are good mothers.

Chickens are good mothers, and they'll often sit on their eggs for up to 21 days. Once the eggs hatch, the mother chicken will care for her chicks until they're old enough to fend for themselves.

## 18. Chickens are protective animals.

Chickens are protective animals, and they'll often defend their chicks from predators. They'll also defend their territory from other chickens.

## 19. Chickens are noisy animals.

Chickens are noisy animals, and they'll often make a variety of sounds. They'll cluck, peep, squawk, and even crow.

## 20. Chickens are territorial animals.

Chickens are territorial animals, and they'll often defend their territory from other chickens. They'll also defend their food and their water.

## 21. Chickens are

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