

Re: backyard ducks

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In article <9OcXf.216\$Fc.2@trnddc08>,
"Chris Underwood" <bonnybrookfarm@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Matthew Hills" wrote

My wife and I have been looking to get a pair of ducks for our backyard,
and would welcome advice on breeds and any other advice/cautions.
Any further advice?

Well, I've got Muscovy – but only because they were given to me. I've got 4
females and they don't seem to have a problem without a male. They are very
broody so you'll have to provide a nest and collect the eggs everyday or
they will try to hatch them. For comedy you just can't beat Indian Runners!
Runners and Khaki Campbell's will produce the most eggs. I would suggest
reading about each breed and deciding which one will work the best for you.

I won't argue that India runners produce the most eggs. ;-)
I had a trio of them and they always out-layed the chickens in the
winter. <G>

And they were cute.

But, they are noisier and messier than Muscovies.

Your advice is accurate. Find out what works best for him!

I do not recommend mallards or pekings.

Pekins are only good if you want to slaughter them as they are fast
growing and meaty, but Muscovies are even larger if you want a good meat
bird.

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Peace, Om.

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch." –Jack Nicholson

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