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In *The Domestic Duck*, Chris and Mike Ashton explain how these breeds have been developed and how to look after them. Contents include breeds, their origins, and characteristics; classic ducks from all over the world; "Designer" ducks of the 20th century; management of adult stock; breeding and rearing ducklings; and common problems and ailments. Most domesticated ducks are descended from the wild mallard, and over the centuries many different breeds have been created. They have been kept as pets or for their ornamental value, or have been farmed for their meat, eggs, and down. Chris and Mike Ashton explain how these breeds have been developed and how to look after them. Chris is the author of *Domestic Geese* and she and Mike have both contributed regularly to *Country Smallholding*, *Fancy Fowl*, and *Smallholder* magazines, and have written books on Indian Runners and duck color breeding. Most domesticated ducks are descended from the wild mallard and over the centuries many different breeds have been created. They have been kept as pets, or for their ornamental value, or have been farmed for their meat, eggs and down.