

XIII) THE BREED STANDARDS

GEESE

(Anser anser)

Anser anser is the common wild grey geese of Europe, also called the Greylag. The Greylag is said to be the ancestor of most of our domestic geese. The common goose of Britain, the English Grey (a white variety existed) and the Grey Back (Saddleback) may have come from an intercross. Both the African and Chinese goose have evolved from the wild Swan goose (*Anser cygnoides*), an Asiatic species.

ECONOMIC QUALITIES

Raised primarily for meat and production of feathers.

The S.A. Waterfowl Association classifies the following as Ornamental Geese:

Canada, Egyptian (Kolgans), Cereopsis and all breeds of S.A. or foreign wild geese.



The Greylag