



Common Birds of the Yangtze Delta (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Common Birds of the Yangtze Delta Three wild ducks come to our notice both out in the open and on the market. The big handsome mallard (*anas boschas*) with a glossy green head, the sober yellow nib (*arias zonorhyncha*) and the gaudy little green-winged teal (*anas cracca*). The Chinese call them all *ya ah*, or wild ducks, distinguishing them only by their size as big or little. The drake mallard is sufficiently marked by his green head. The hen mallard and the yellow nib are both greyish-brown mottled yellowish, but the mallard has a yellow bill with a black tip and the yellow nib a black bill with a yellow tip from which he is named. Both the mallard and yellow nib types are quite common amongst the flocks of domesticated ducks raised by the Chinese. The green-wing teal is the little duck so common both on the market and in the country during the winter. The drake has the sides of the head and a spot in the wing rich glossy green; the rest of the head is reddish-chestnut, the...

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