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The Egyptian goose (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) is a member of the duck, goose, and swan family Anatidae. It is native to Africa south of the Sahara and the Nile Valley. Egyptian geese were considered sacred by the Ancient Egyptians, and appeared in much of their artwork. This goose breeds widely in Africa except in deserts and dense forests. They are found mostly in the Nile Valley and south of the Sahara. These pictures were taken in Cape Town, South Africa at the Kirstenbosch, Gardens.