

Male Characteristics

Carriage: Sedate, but fairly active.

Type:

- **Body:** Broad, square and deep.
- **Back:** Short, either flat or slightly hollow between the shoulders; the saddle rising halfway between the hackle and the tail until it reaches the tail coverts.
- **Breast:** Full with horizontal keel.
- **Wings:** Medium sized, with lower line horizontal, free from twisted or slipped feathers, well tucked under the saddle feathers, which should be of ample length.
- **Tail:** Of medium length, rising from the line of the saddle and carried between 65-75 deg, the quill feathers well spread, the coverts broad and abundant, well curved and almost covering the quill feathers.

Head: Asiatic, small, rather short, of medium breadth, and a dewlap of the upper throat, between the wattles.

- **Brow:** Clearly prominent over the eyes.
- **Beak:** Short and strong.
- **Eyes:** Large and deeply set.
- **Comb:** Pea comb (triple) firmly fastened, without a leader, as little developed as possible.
- **Face:** Smooth, free from feathers or hair.
- **Earlobes:** long and fine, free from feathers, longer than wattles.
- **Wattles:** Small, fine and rounded, free from feathers.

Neck: Long, covered with hackle feathers that reach down to the shoulders, a depression being apparent at the back between the head feathers and the upper hackle.

Plumage: Profuse, but close fitting.

Legs/Feet:

- **Legs:** Moderately long, powerful, well apart and feathered.
- **Thighs:** Large, covered in front by the lower breast feathers.
- **Fluff:** soft, abundant, covering the hind parts and standing out behind the thighs.
- **Hocks:** Amply covered with soft rounded feathers, or with long soft feathers provided they are accompanied with proportionately heavy shank and foot feathering.
- **Shank Feather:** Profuse, standing well out from legs and toes, extending under the hock feathers and to the extremity of the middle and outer toes, leg and foot feathering to be profuse, the presence of 'vulture hocks' to be classed as a defect (see defects)
- **Toes:** four, straight and spreading.

Female Characteristics

With the exception of the neck and legs, which are short, the general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

Scale of Points:

Type (Shape and symmetry)	30
Head and Eye	15
Legs and feet	15
Colour	25
Size and Condition	15
TOTAL:	100

Weights:

STANDARDS:

Male:4.55kg (10lbs) upwards

Female:3.20kg (7lbs) upwards

BANTAMS:

Male:1190-1415g (42-50oz)

Female:1020-1255g (36-44oz)

Disqualifications and defects

Disqualifications:

1. Speciment, seriously lacking in breed characteristics.
2. Definite indications of contagious disease, indications of infestation of lice, mites or scaly leg mites.
3. Clear evidence of faking, ie, the self evident attempt to remove or conceal a disqualification or or defect, thus creating merit which does not naturally exist.
4. Any malformatuion or deformity of the beak.
5. Blindness, defective eyesight or defective pupils.
6. comb, other than a pea comb (triple)
7. Presence of crest or beard and muffs.
8. Wry neck, wry tail or squirrel tail.
9. Crooked, roached or deformed in skeletal structure.
10. Abnormal protrusion of breastbone. Breastbone curved down behind leading or drooping abdomen.
11. Split wing.
12. Badly twisted or curled primary or secondary feathers.
13. Bow legged or knock kneed or obviously in or out at hocks.
14. Deformed or twisted feet. Badly splayed feet. webbed feet.
15. Badly crooked or turned toes. Duck toed.
16. Twisted or warped shanks.
17. Coarse, malformed or unnaturally enlarged bone in shanks, feet or toes.
18. Other than four toes.
19. Shanks and outer toes, No feathers down outer sides.

- 20. Other than yellow or orange-yellow legs or feet.
- 21. Spurs on outside of leg.
- 22. Great want of condition.

Defects:

- 1. Any bird that is excessively over or under weight for its age and sex.
- 2. Odd eye colour.
- 3. Pea comb which is lopped below the horizontal plane of the skull or inverted at the rear.
- 4. Presence of positive enamel white in the face, earlobes or wattles.
- 5. Slipped or drooping wing.
- 6. Split tail.
- 7. Badly twisted hackle or wing feather.
- 8. Lack of spurs on adult males.
- 9. Lack of feathers on middle toes.
- 10. Missing toenails.
- 11. Lack of dewlap.
- 12. Lack of prominent eyebrows.
- 13. Absence of indentation at back of head.
- 14. Stiff quilled hock feathers. ie: vulture hocks.
- 15. Hair on face.