



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

AMERICAN BUFF



ORIGIN:	America
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy
MASSES:	
Adult gander:	10.0 – 12.7 kg
Adult goose:	9.10 – 11.8 kg

Like most other domestic geese, it was developed from the Greylag Goose of Europe and Asia. Whether it was bred independently from a mutation with grey geese or from buff imported stock from Europe is unclear. It is a dual-purpose bird used both for meat and egg production. The American Buff goose is a medium sized breed with a stance like the Embden, smooth breasted and dual lobed. The breed is named for its single colour variety, which is an apricot or fawn hue rather than literally buff. It was first recognized by the American Poultry Association in 1947.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

GANDER AND GOOSE

Carriage:	Reasonably upright.
Type:	Body: moderately long, broad and plump. Back: medium length broad and smooth, slightly convex from shoulder to tail. Breast: broad, deep and full. Wings: medium size and smoothly folded close to the body. Tail: medium in length with broad, stiff feathers.
Head:	Medium in size, moderately broad, oval and strong. Bill: medium length, stout and tapering evenly to the well rounded end. Eyes: large and full.
Neck:	Medium in length, slightly arched, rather upright and strong in appearance.
Legs and Feet:	Lower thighs: medium length, well fleshed. Shanks: stout, straight and moderately long. Toes: straight and well webbed.

COLOUR

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Bill: Light orange.

Eyes: Dark hazel.

Legs and webs: Orange.

Plumage

in both sexes:

Head: soft, dull buff. Neck: soft dull buff shading lighter in front as it approaches the breast, which is very light buff. Back: dark buff. Body and fluff: light buff growing lighter until almost white in the abdomen continuing back to the tail. Sides: lighter buff, growing darker over thighs to a dull light buff. Wingbow and coverts: soft dull buff with very light grayish buff edging. Primaries: dull buff. Secondaries: darker buff with slight edging of lighter buff. Tail: buff and white, ends of feathers edged with very pale buff.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Size	10
Colour and markings	40
Condition	10
Legs and feet 5, tail and paunch 5	10
Breast	10
Head and throat 5, neck 5	10
General carriage	10
TOTAL	100