



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

ANDALUSIAN



AREA OF ORIGIN:	Mediterranean
CLASSIFICATION:	Light Breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White (Non-Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE	
Cock	3.2 – 3.6 kg
Hen	2.3 – 2.7 kg
BANTAMS	
Cock	680 – 800 g
Hen	570 – 680 g

The breed owes its name to the Province of Andalusia in Spain, and is one of the Mediterranean breeds. It is a contemporary of the black Spanish with which, no doubt, it is closely related. The Blue Andalusian, as we know it today, was developed from black and white stock and blending of the two colours most probably created the blue. The earlier specimens were large, and game-like in carriage, with medium combs and lobes, and of a self colour, although individual birds were selectively bred for lacing, by infusion of black Minorca blood.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage: Upright, bold and active.

Body: Long with close and compact plumage, broad shoulders, tapering to tail; full round breast; long wings well tucked up and the ends covered by the saddle hackles; large flowing tail, carried moderately high but not approaching "squirrel" fashion or fan shaped.

- Head:** Skull moderately long and deep, and inclined to width. Beak: stout, of medium length. Eyes: prominent. Comb: single, upright of medium size, deep serrations (fairly broad at their base), and the back portion following the line of the head but not touching the neck. Face: smooth. Ear-lobes: almond shape, medium size, free from wrinkles, and fitting close to face. Wattles: long and fine.
- Neck:** Long, well covered with hackle feathers.
- Legs:** Long. Toes (four) straight and thin, well spread.

THE FEMALE

With the exception of the comb, which falls with a single fold to one side and slightly covering the eye, the general characteristics are similar to the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

COLOUR

BLUE LACED

In both sexes:

- Beak:** Dark slate or horn.
- Eyes:** Dark red or red brown.
- Comb, face and wattles:** Bright red.
- Ear-lobes:** White.
- Legs and feet:** Dark slate or black.
- Plumage:** Clear blue edged with distinct black lacing (not too narrow) on each feather, except that the male's sickles are dark (or even black) and his hackles are black with a rich gloss, and the female's neck hackle is rich lustrous black, showing broad lacing on the tips of the feathers, at the base of the neck. Under-colour to tone with surface colour.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

In males, white feathers; sooty ground colour; red or yellow in hackles; comb not upright.
In females, erect comb or any of the mentioned defects as for the male.

BANTAMS

Exact miniatures of their large fowl counterparts and the standards for large fowl should be used in all respects.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Ground colour 30 and lacing 20	50
Head(comb 10, face 10, lobes 5)	25
Size, type, carriage, tail and condition	25
TOTAL	100