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# APPLEYARD

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## **CLASSIFICATION**

**ORIGIN:** England  
**CLASSIFICATION** Heavy

### **MASSES**

Drake: 3.6 to 4.1 kg  
Duck: 3.2 to 3.6 kg

Originated by Reginald Appleyard in the mid twentieth century, the Appleyard (Silver Appleyard) was developed as a layer of big white eggs and as a white-skinned table bird that attained a weight of 3.0 kg (cold and plucked) at the age of 9 weeks. For size, carriage and basic plumage colour, it closely resembles the Rouen Clair. Its unique feature, however, is the expression of the restricted mallard gene that limits the amount of pigment on the face and body plumage of both duck and drake. Little is known about the appearance of the first Appleyards other than from sources like the painting by Wippell commissioned in 1947. The modern Appleyard (standardized in 1982) and its bantam form (standardized in 1997) are largely the result of breeding by Tom Bartlett of Folly Farm. It is a good layer, an excellent table bird and very ornamental.

## **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **DRAKE AND DUCK**

**Carriage:** Lively, slightly erect, the back sloping gently from shoulder to tail.  
**Type:** Body: compact, broad and well rounded. Tail: broad, the drake having the usual curled tail feathers.  
**Head:** Bold, light rise to the skull. Bill: medium length, broad.  
**Neck:** Upright and of medium length.  
**Legs and feet:** Medium length, set slightly back.

## COLOUR

### SILVER APPLEYARD (Code: 844)



**In both sexes:** Yellow.

**Bill:**

**Eyes:** Dark hazel.

**Legs:** Orange.

**Plumage:** Head and neck are black-green with silver-white throat flecked with fawn. Silver-white ring completely circling the base of the neck. Base of neck and shoulders, below the ring: light claret. Wing coverts: silver white, matching the breast and underbody, followed by the usual band of iridescent blue. Back and rump: black-green with white tips to tail feathers.

#### **DRAKE**

**Plumage:** Head, neck and underbody silver-white with crown and back of neck flecked with fawn. Deep fawn line through eyes. Shoulders and back strongly flecked with fawn, with the usual iridescent blue in the wings. Tail fawn

#### **DUCK**

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

Type	30
Colour	25
Size	20
Carriage	15
Condition	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>