
YAMATO GUNKEI & CHIBI SHAMO

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ORIGIN: Japan
CATEGORY: Bantam: Asian Hard Feather. True Bantams, Rare
EGG COLOUR: White or Tinted

	YAMATO GUNKEI		CHIBI SHAMO	
	MASSES	RING SIZES	MASSES	RING SIZES
Cock	1.6 – 2.4kg	F	1.4kg maximum	D
Hen	1.3 – 2.1kg	E	1.2kg maximum	C
Cockerel	1.2 - 1.8kg	F	1.4kg maximum	D
Pullet	1.0 – 1.6kg	E	1.2kg maximum	C

The Yamato is the largest of the small Shamo breeds, and could be considered an intermediate size (with the Chibi Shamo being its bantam equivalent). However the Yamato Gunkei is shown as a bantam. Yamato Gunkei were mentioned the first time in Japanese literature in the beginning of the 1920's. The aim is to breed birds as thick-set, exaggerated and full of character as possible within the weight limits. The main feature is a very heavily wrinkled face, which gets more and more grotesque with age. The Yamato Gunkei and Chibi Shamo are exhibited as separate breeds but they are to conform to the same breed standards.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS:

THE MALE

- Type and Carriage:** Upright stance. Solid, powerful appearance. Full of character.
- Body:** Extremely powerful and muscular.
- Breast:** Broad, deep, well-rounded and muscular.
- Back:** Medium length and broad. Widest at the shoulders, giving the appearance of a wide gap between the wings, and gradually narrowing from above the thighs. Backbone straight, sloping down towards the tail. Saddle feathers should be sparse, narrow and short.

- Wings:** Short, muscular and strong with prominent shoulders held away from the body, but with primaries tightly folded into the body. Wing tips should stop at the base of the saddle hackle and should not be carried over the back. Primary and secondary feathers should be broad and in well-ordered layers. Birds of the best type are usually found to have split wing. In the Yamato Gunkei and Chibi Shamo this should never be judged a fault.
- Tail:** Very short, and carried low. Main tail slightly fanned with sickles and tail coverts very short and curved forming a 'prawn' tail, with feather tips pointing down and inwards.
- Head:** Large, broad and flattened at the top, wider at the front than the back. Prominent eyebrows to suggest ferocity. Beak thick, short, well-curved and deep from top to bottom. Comb triple or walnut, firmly set to the head. Eyes large, penetrating and deep-set under heavy overhanging eyebrows. Ear-lobes thick and firm. Wattles absent or very small. Throat skin thick and very wrinkled with a dewlap of bare red skin.
- Neck:** Long, strong, thick and almost erect. The bare skin of the dewlap extends well down the front of the neck. Neck hackle feathers are very short and narrow, hardly reaching the base of the neck.
- Legs and Feet:** Thighs of medium length, well muscled and rounded. Legs well apart, accentuated by the general sparse plumage of body and legs. Shanks straight, thick and strong and having much more bone thickness than the Ko-Shamo. Toes four, short, straight, powerful and well spread.
- Plumage:** Very hard and sparse. Bare red skin showing at keel, vent and point of wing. The shoulder coverts show clearly on the back giving the characteristic 'five hills' – this is seen across the back, looking from the head to the tail by: one shoulder/shoulder coverts/ back/shoulder coverts/other wing.
- Handling:** Extremely firm fleshed and muscular.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for natural sexual differences. However, the female is rarely as exaggerated, and the short tail, carried well down is straight and spread horizontally.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Poor carriage. Overlarge comb. 'Duck' feet. Long tail. Facial tissue covering the eyes.

COLOUR

Black/Red (the red may be any shade from yellow to dark red, with wheaten or partridge females which can be any shade from cream to dark brown with or without dark markings), duckwing, black, white, blue, ginger, splash, spangle and cuckoo are all recognised.

In both sexes and all colours: Beak yellow or horn, with dark markings acceptable. Legs and feet yellow dusky markings acceptable in dark coloured birds. Comb, face, ear-lobes, wattles and any exposed skin: red. Eyes: silver or gold. Darker eyes acceptable in young birds.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	30
Head and neck	20
Condition and plumage quality	20
Legs and feet	10
Eye colour	10
Legs and feet colour	5
Plumage colour	5
TOTAL	100

NOTE

The Yamato Gunkei and Chibi Shamo are to be judged as separate breeds.

