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# OHIKI

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<b>ORIGIN:</b>	Japan
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	True Bantam, Asian Rare
<b>EGG COLOUR:</b>	Tinted
<b>MASSES</b>	
<b>Male</b>	700g to 1100
<b>Female</b>	500g to 900
<b>RING SIZES</b>	
<b>Male</b>	B maximum
<b>Female</b>	A maximum

This Japanese bantam longtail breed was developed in the Kochi Prefecture on the southern Japanese island of Shikoku somewhere in the Edo period (1603-1867). The name Ohiki means “tail dragger”. They are a short-legged bantam breed with a rounded body, old cocks having extraordinary long tail feathers which drag along the ground. The Ohiki, may have very full tails due to the presence of extra sickles and coverts. In times gone by the Ohiki was known as the “MinohikiChabo”. It was thought that it was a relative of both the Chabo and the Minohiki, a long-tailed, saddle dragging breed with a game fowl type carriage and head. It was however found to be a relative of neither breed. Instead, it is most closely related to the Onagadori, an extreme longtail breed, the Totenko, a longcrower, and the Shokoku, a longcrowing longtail breed.

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

### The Male

- Type:** Body is compact, broad, of medium length, with abundant body plumage which gives a full, rounded appearance to all parts, especially the breast and back. What is very important in this breed is the Chabo or Cochin-like carriage, with the rump of these little birds being raised distinctly and well rounded.
- Wings:** Relatively large and long, carried low so that the tips nearly touch the ground.
- Head:** Medium size and formation for a bantam of the overall size. Comb is single, no more than medium size, straight and upright, four to six serrations. Ear-lobes white and of medium size and oval or round. Wattles finely textured, round, of no more than medium size. Eyes large and orange, red or brownish red in colour. Beak of medium length and thickness
- Neck:** Rather short, with abundant neck hackle feathering which flows over the shoulders and reaches the back.
- Saddle & Tail:** Abundant long and narrow saddle feathers with the saddle hackle dragging the ground. The main tail feathers are long, well spread, and moderately high. They are covered by

very long, rather narrow, and supple sickles, side hangers and coverts, which flow over the main tail and then down to the ground. This is all that is expected of cockerels, but plumage quality, quantity and length increases with age. The best mature cocks have flexible sickles and side hangers which drag up to 60cm along the ground. The profile of the neck, back and rise and the fall of the tail is to form an "S".

**Legs & Feet:** Thighs short, hidden by the full plumage and low wings. Shanks short to medium in length, strong, smooth, with well developed pointed spurs on adults. Toes of medium length, straight and well spread. The leg colour is olive, and this colour is reflected in the earlobes until the feathers are finished growing and go dry. As long as a bird (any) is in blood-feathers, the earlobes reflect the colour of the legs and this is very noticeable with the Long-tails as they need many more months to "finish" due to the extended growth period of the tail feathers.

**Plumage:** Very abundant and soft

### **The Female**

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for natural sexual differences. Carriage is even more horizontal, the comb is rather small. Females obviously do not have the very long saddle and tail feathers of the male, but their cushion and tail is of full, rounded, elongated oval shape.

## **SERIOUS DEFECTS CALLING FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

Narrow build, long legs, main tail carriage too high or low, much red in lobes, oversized or flopping comb, lack of general abundance of plumage on both sexes and lack of length of saddle and tail feathers on males. Incorrect eye colour.

## **COLOUR**

Black-red, duckwing (gold and silver), white (all colours as in Old English Game).

<b><u>SCALE OF POINTS</u></b>	
Quality, length and number of tail feathers	25
Quality, length and amount of neck and saddle hackles	20
Type, size and carriage	25
Plumage colour	5
Head, including eye and lobe colour	10
Legs and feet	5
Condition	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>