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# SATSUMADORI

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**ORIGIN:** Japan  
**CATEGORY:** Large Fowl: Asian Hard Feather.  
**EGG COLOUR:** White or tinted

	<b>MASSES</b>	<b>RING SIZES</b>
Male	approx 3 - 4 kg	E
Female	approx 2.5 – 3.5 kg	D

This is another game breed from Japan, which is found in its native country only in black, white, black/red and duckwing. It is therefore preferable for birds to be of those colours, although the type and attitude of the bird remain more important. Colour does come into the judging of the Satsumadori. This is a breed in which a vital breed characteristic is its large fanned tail that also spreads out sideways from its body. Technically, this is a soft-feathered game breed like the Sumatra, but it fits more naturally into the Asian Hard Feather section than any other.

The Satsumadori is a very stylish, flashy Japanese Game bird developed in Kagoshima (formerly known as Satsuma) on the island of Kyushu. Bred originally for steel spur fighting, this is a powerful, agile bird, with tremendous presence.

## **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **MALE**

- Type and Carriage:** General appearance impressive, proud and alert. Stance upright
- Body:** Large, firm and well-muscled.
- Breast:** Broad and full with deep keel.
- Back:** Long, broadest at shoulders, sloping down towards tail and gradually tapering from upper side of thigh. Backbone: straight.
- Wings:** Short, big, strong and bony, carried well down and close to the body, not showing on the back but with prominent shoulders
- Tail:** Long, extremely full and luxuriant, carried above horizontal in an unbroken curving fan shape with the spread of feather also extending sideways at a 15 degree angle to the body. This is a very specific characteristic of the breed
- Head:** Deep and broad with wattles and ear-lobes small or absent. Beak: strong, broad and curved downwards, but not hooked. Eyes: piercing. Comb: triple and firm in the male, small or absent in the female.

**Neck:** Long, strong-boned, slightly curved but almost erect. Neck hackle: rich and full.

**Legs & feet:** Thighs: long, round and muscular. Legs: medium to long, thick and strong with slight bend at hock. Shanks: round. Toes: four, long and well spread. Hind toe: straight and firm on the ground.

**Plumage:** Feathers narrow and brilliant, rich at neck and tail, otherwise tightly fitting to body. There is also an old type of Satsumadori which is muffed and feather-legged, but it is no longer popular.

**Handling:** Extremely firm flashed, muscular and well balanced. Strong contraction of wings and body.

## FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for natural sexual differences.

### SERIOUS DEFECTS

Poor tail plumage, lack of attitude, 'Duck' feet. Any other deformities.

### COLOUR

Black/red (the red being a brilliant orange-red) / with partridge females, Silver & Gold Duckwing, Black, White.

**In both sexes and all colours:** Beak: yellow; horn colour acceptable in birds with black plumage.  
 Legs and feet: yellow; dark acceptable in birds with black plumage.  
 Comb, face, throat, and ear-lobes: brilliant red.  
 Eyes: pearl or yellow; darker eyes acceptable in young birds.

#### SCALE OF POINTS

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Type	30
Plumage	25
Head	15
Legs and feet	10
Carriage	10
Condition	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>