
TAIWAN

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

	MASSSES	RING SIZES
Male	5 kg to 7.0 kg (plus)	G maximum
Female	4 kg to 5.5 kg (plus)	F maximum

The Taiwan is a very large Malayoid-type of bird. The original Kulang Asil-like features were influenced by crossing with Shamo's introduced by the Japanese during their occupation of the island from 1895 till 1945. Another Japanese breed, the Malay-like "Ainoku" (extinct in Japan today) has possibly been used during that same period. There is no evidence that the Taiwan is related with the Saipan from the Pacific. The Taiwan breed is known for its extreme weight and size, and genuine birds should always show a massive powerful muscular statue. The first Taiwan birds were introduced in 1984 in Europe (Belgium). The breed is also known as "Chinese Shamo" in Europe, which is incorrect.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

- Type and Carriage:** General appearance large, powerful, alert and agile, balanced and full of aggressive spirit.
- 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 close to the body, not showing on the back.
- Tail:** Carried horizontally or below, length to give balance to the bird.
- Head:** Strong, deep and broad with wattles and earlobes small or absent. Beak: powerful, broad and curved downwards, but not hooked. Eyes: deep-set under overhanging brows. Comb: triple or walnut, set low on a broad base.
- Neck:** Long, strong-boned and slightly curved.
- Legs and Feet:** Legs: long, thick and strong with slight bend at hock. Thighs: long, round and muscular shanks shorter than thighs. Toes: four, long and well spread. Hind toe: straight and firm on the ground.

Plumage: Feathers short, narrow, and hard, often showing red skin at throat, keel and point of wing.

Handling: Extremely firm fleshed, muscular and well-balanced. Strong contraction of wings to body.

THE FEMALE

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

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Lack of attitude. Lack of size. Overlarge comb. 'Duck' feet.

COLOUR

No colour or combination of colours is to be disqualified.

In both sexes and all colours: Beak yellow or horn.
Legs and feet: yellow, or yellow with blackish over-colour in dark coloured birds
Comb, face, throat, earlobes and any exposed skin: brilliant red. Eyes: pearl to gold. Darker eyes acceptable in young birds.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	40
Head	20
Feather/condition	20
Legs and feet	20
TOTAL	100