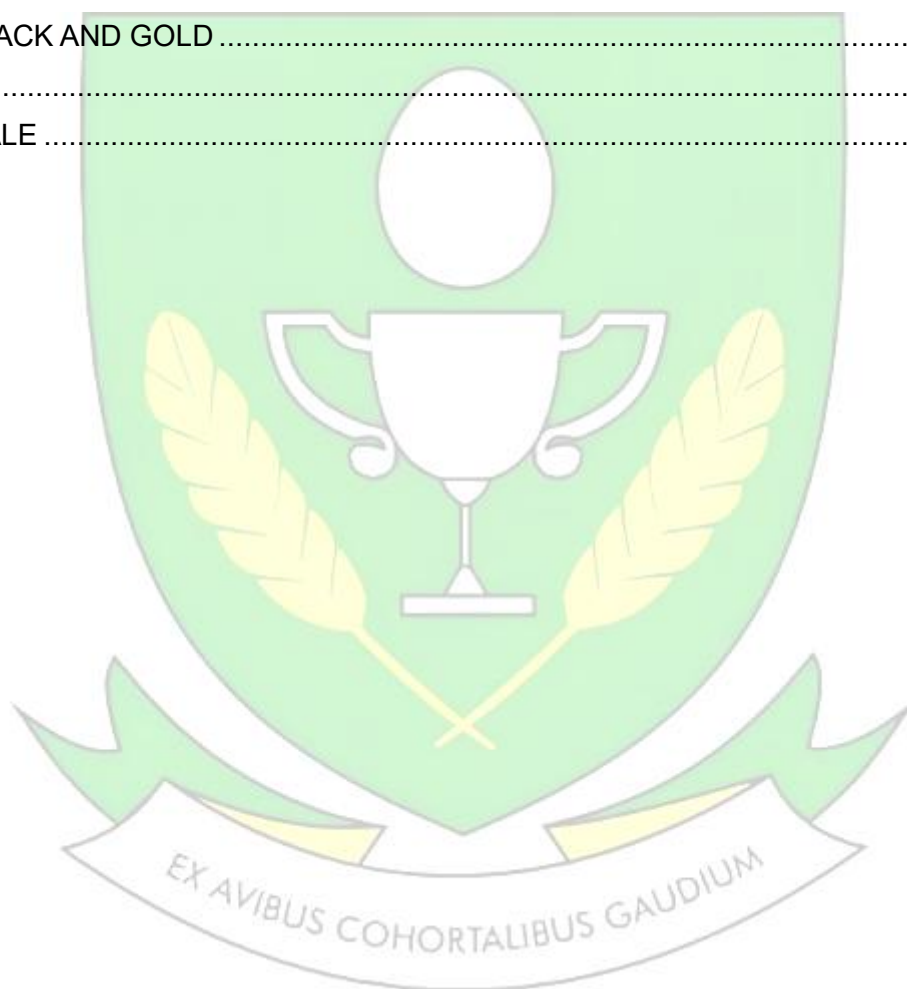

BERGISCHE KRÄHER

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ORIGIN:	Germany
CLASSIFICATION:	Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White
MASSES:	
Male:	3.0 to 3.5 kg
Female:	2.0 to 2.5 kg

This is an old farm fowl breed of West Germany, which originated from crossings with Spanish breeds. This breed's name derived from the male's long and deep crowing, as well as from the person who first bred them, namely the Count von Berg. It is a large and erect bird with a characteristic extended body and with a slightly curved back; average carriage; feathers hard and carried closely to the body, with markings peculiar to the breed, and same in both sexes.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Proud and lively.
Body:	Cylindrically shaped and extended. Slender and robust. High shoulders sloping towards the back line.
Neck:	Very long, slightly curved towards the front. Long but not too long neck feathers.
Back:	Long and slightly curved, joining a broad saddle with moderate saddle feathers.
Breast:	Carried somewhat erect and flatly rounded with long breastbone.
Wings:	Set high, long and carried closely to the body.
Head:	Long; back of head broad.
Face:	Large and covered with hair-like feathering.
Comb:	Erect single comb of average size; serrations not too deep or coarse; back portion of comb tending slightly upwards; fine texture.
Wattles:	Average length and thin.
Ear-lobes:	Average size, almond shaped, and pure white.
Beak:	Strong where it joins the head, long and horn coloured.
Eyes:	Bright red to orange. The dark eyelid covered with fine hair.
Thigh:	Average length (rather a bit shorter), muscular, not too far stretched; closely feathered.
Shanks:	Long, strong, grey-blue coloured.

THE FEMALE

- Body:** Carriage not so erect as the male. Somewhat lower set. Carried somewhat horizontal.
- Breast:** Full and round.
- Abdomen:** Full.
- Tail:** Carried low and somewhat loosely.
- Comb:** Single of average size. The back part may fall over somewhat.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Short body; too low carriage; straight back (the back should curve slightly); squirrel tail; red ear-lobes; lack of markings.

COLOUR

THE BLACK AND GOLD

MALE

- Neck and saddle feathers:** Golden brown, each feather tipped black with a small sooty black border, but without striping on the shaft of the feathers
- Back:** Brownish-black to black.
- Shoulders:** Brilliant golden brown.
- Breast:** Black. Some golden brown spots on the sides, partly covered by black.
- Abdomen:** Black.
- Tail:** Black with green sheen.
- Wings:** Primaries and Secondaries: surface colour brown, inside black.
Coverts: golden brown with coarse black, forming 2 to 3 green sheen bars.

FEMALE

- Plumage:** Neck, saddle, tail and abdomen: velvety black. Back, shoulders and breast: black with light irregular golden brown spots. Large wing coverts: golden brown with coarse black border, forming 2 to 3 bars. Primary and secondary wing feathers: similar to those of the male.
- Note:** Crowing competitions are held annually in Germany to preserve the peculiar crowing of the males by breeding,

SCALE OF POINTS

Type	30
Head	15
Colour	15
Legs and feet	10
Size	10
Quality	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100