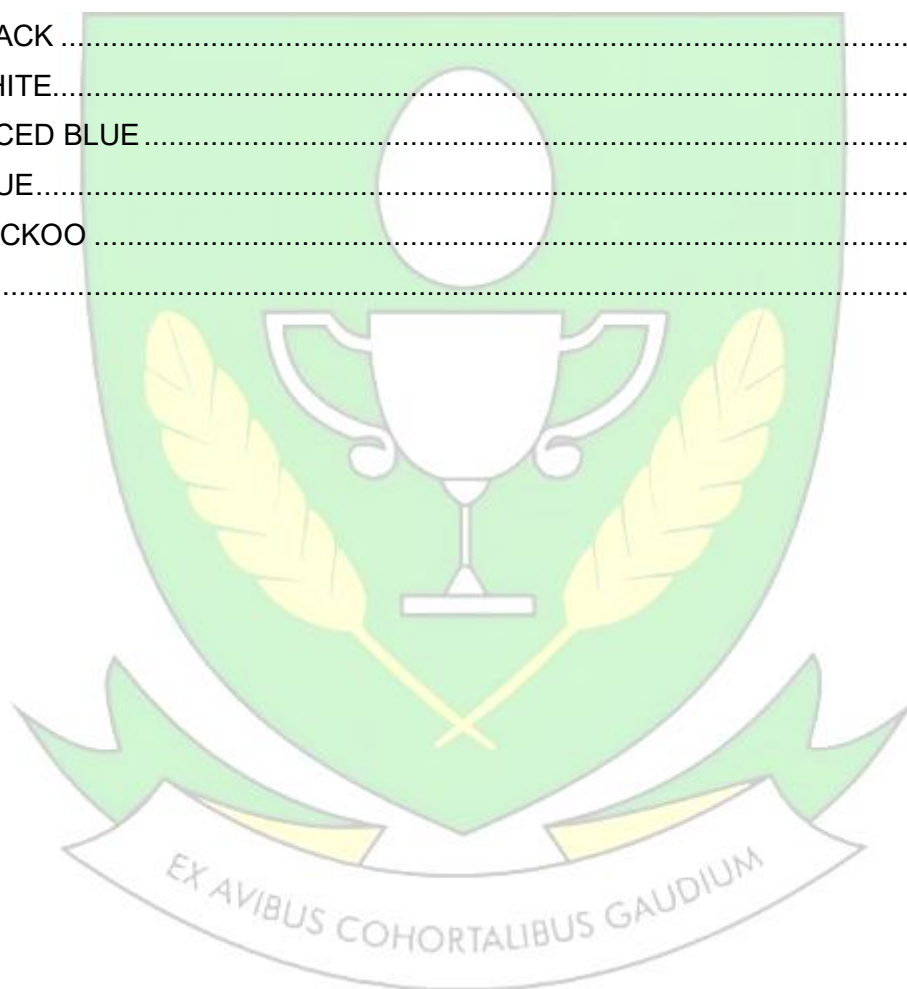

Breda / Kraaikoppen

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ORIGIN:	Netherlands
CLASSIFICATION:	Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White or cream (Non-Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE FOWL	
Cock:	3.0kg minimum
Hen:	2.3kg minimum
Cockerel:	2.5kg minimum
Pullet:	1.8kg minimum
BANTAMS	
Cock:	1000g
Hen:	800g
Cockerel:	900g
Pullet:	700g

The Breda breed has been known at least as far back as the 1840's and is possibly a cross between the Langshan and Mechelner breeds. They are also known as Guelderlanders and Kraaikoppen. The characteristic form of the head, wide-open nostrils and long hooked beak give it its Kraaikop name, which is Dutch for crow head. The unique feature of this breed is the fact that it has no comb at all. Bantams was first exhibited in the Netherlands in 1935.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE

Carriage:	Moderately upright.
Body:	The body and wings of a typical medium-weight breed, back fairly long. Breast: rather full and well rounded. Tail: large, full and well fanned, and carried at about 45 degrees with the back.
Head:	Beak: rather long, strong and well hooked. Prominent cavernous nostrils with a saddle-like structure similar to that found on crested breeds. Comb: entirely absent. The feathers on the head usually stand

upright, but there must be no crest. Ear-lobes and wattles: moderately large.

Neck: Medium length, well rounded and furnished with hackle feathers.

Legs and Feet: Legs of above average length with long vulture hocks. Feet: four toes with moderate feathering down the shanks and on the middle and outer toes.

Plumage: Moderately abundant, but not too fluffy.

FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences. However, the carriage is lower and the breast is more rounded and prominent.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any comb or crest development. Any deformity.

COLOURS

In all varieties: Face and wattles: bright red. Ear-lobes: white. Eyes: reddish brown to orange-brown.

In both sexes:
Plumage:

The plumage is black with a glossy beetle-green sheen, and the under-colour black.

Beak:

Dark horn.

Legs and feet:

Legs and feet black or slate-grey.

THE WHITE

In both sexes:

Plumage:

Pure white throughout.

Beak:

White to horn-shaded.

Legs and feet:

White to light blue-grey.

THE LACED BLUE

In both sexes:

Plumage:

A clear glossy bluish-grey with dark slate lacing and glossy dark slate or black hackle.

Beak:

Horn.

Legs and feet:

Slate.

THE BLUE

In both sexes:

Plumage:

A bright clear blue-grey as free as possible from lacing.

Beak:

Horn.

Legs and feet:

Slate.

THE CUCKOO

In both sexes:

Plumage: Evenly banded dark grey on silvery white. Entirely white feathers to be severely penalized.

Beak: White to horn shaded.

Legs and feet: White to light blue-grey.

BANTAM

Bantams should follow the large fowl standard in every respect.

