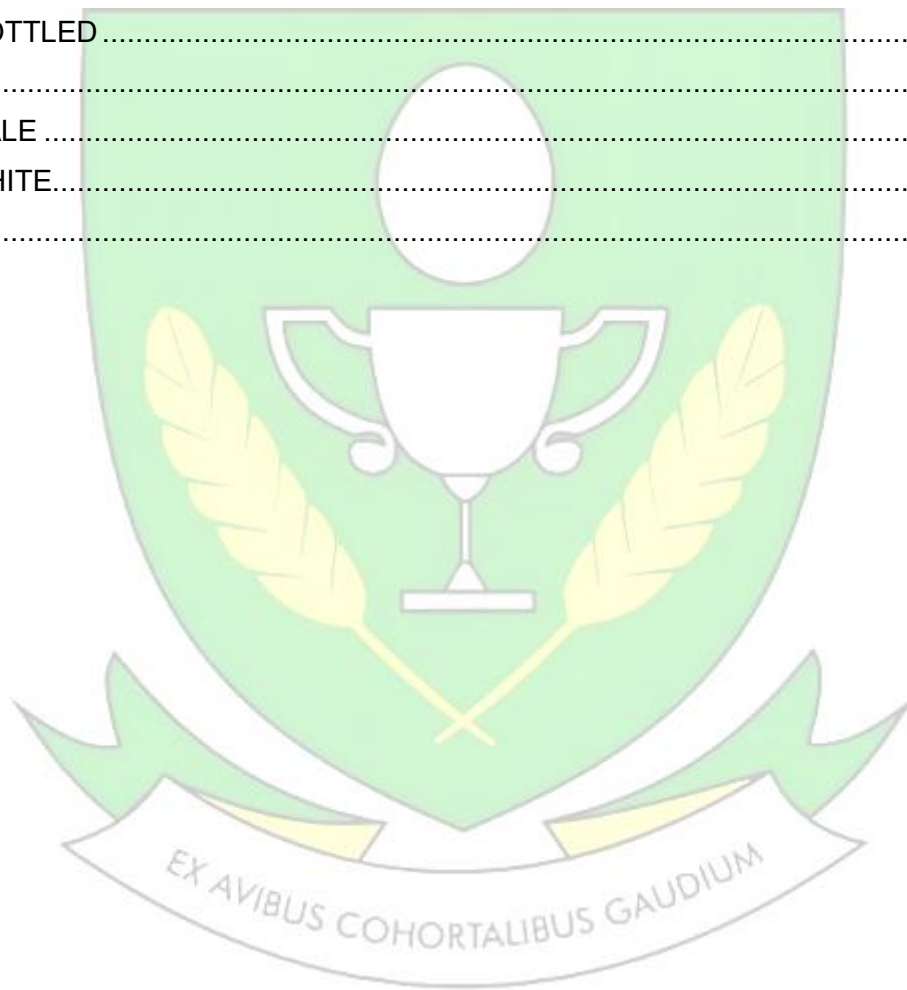

HOUDAN

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ORIGIN: France
CLASSIFICATION: Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR: White (Non-Sitter)

MASSSES:
LARGE FOWL

Male: 3.0 to 3.6 kg
 Female: 2.5 to 3.2 kg

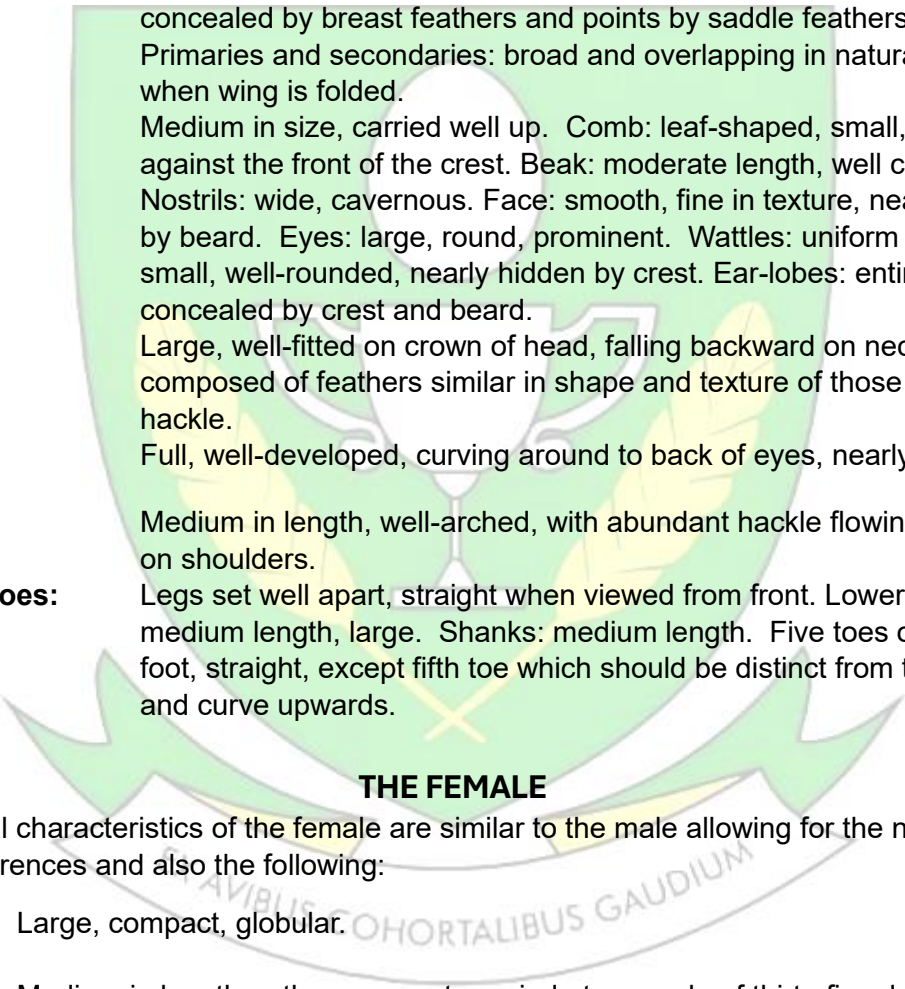
BANTAMS

Male: 900 g
 Female: 800 g

This old French breed was known as the Normandy fowl when first imported into England in 1850. It takes its present name from the town Houdan, located in a section of France where large numbers of Houdans were bred and raised for the Paris and London markets. In shape the Houdan resembles the Dorking, to which it probably owes its fifth toe. Creve-Coeurs and Polish may also have been used in the original crosses. The Houdan is highly esteemed in France for its fine meat qualities and its large white eggs. This is a general purpose, non-sitting fowl for the production of meat and eggs. Skin colour white.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE



Body and fluff:	Body: long, compact, well proportioned. Fluff: rather short.
Breast:	Broad, deep, full and well-rounded.
Back:	Long, broad, slightly sloping towards base of tail. Saddle feathers: abundant.
Tail:	Full, expanded, carried at an angle of fifty degrees above horizontal. Main tail feathers: broad and overlapping. Sickles and coverts: abundant and well curved.
Wings:	Moderately large, well folded, carried without drooping. Fronts concealed by breast feathers and points by saddle feathers. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.
Head:	Medium in size, carried well up. Comb: leaf-shaped, small, resting against the front of the crest. Beak: moderate length, well curved. Nostrils: wide, cavernous. Face: smooth, fine in texture, nearly hidden by beard. Eyes: large, round, prominent. Wattles: uniform length, small, well-rounded, nearly hidden by crest. Ear-lobes: entirely concealed by crest and beard.
Crest:	Large, well-fitted on crown of head, falling backward on neck, and composed of feathers similar in shape and texture of those of the hackle.
Beard:	Full, well-developed, curving around to back of eyes, nearly hiding face.
Neck:	Medium in length, well-arched, with abundant hackle flowing well down on shoulders.
Legs and toes:	Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs: medium length, large. Shanks: medium length. Five toes on each foot, straight, except fifth toe which should be distinct from the others and curve upwards.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics of the female are similar to the male allowing for the natural sexual differences and also the following:

Crest:	Large, compact, globular.
Tail:	Medium in length, rather compact, carried at an angle of thirty-five degrees above horizontal.

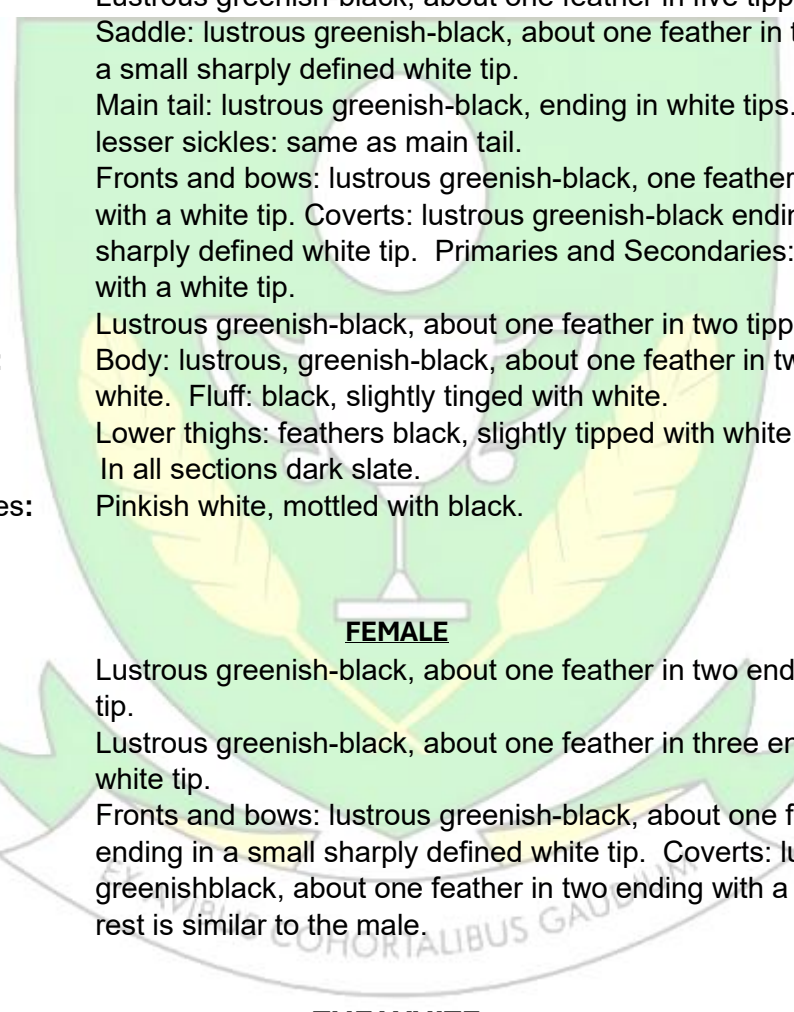
DISQUALIFICATIONS

Red or straw coloured feathers. Loose crest obstructing the sight, split or twisted crest. Spur outside the shank. Feathers on shanks or toes. Other than five toes on each foot. Absence of muffling. Comb other than leaf type. Any deformity.

COLOURS

THE MOTTLED

MALE



Comb:	Face and wattles, bright red. Beak: dark horn. Eyes: reddish bay.
Crest and beard:	Ear-lobes white. Black and white, black predominating.
Head:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in three tipped with white.
Neck:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in two ending in a small, sharply defined white tip. Front of neck, same as breast.
Back:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in five tipped with white. Saddle: lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in two ending with a small sharply defined white tip.
Tail:	Main tail: lustrous greenish-black, ending in white tips. Main and lesser sickles: same as main tail.
Wings:	Fronts and bows: lustrous greenish-black, one feather in three ending with a white tip. Coverts: lustrous greenish-black ending with a sharply defined white tip. Primaries and Secondaries: black ending with a white tip.
Breast:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in two tipped with white.
Body and fluff:	Body: lustrous, greenish-black, about one feather in two tipped with white. Fluff: black, slightly tinged with white.
Legs:	Lower thighs: feathers black, slightly tipped with white.
Under-colour:	In all sections dark slate.
Shanks and toes:	Pinkish white, mottled with black.

FEMALE

Back:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in two ending with a white tip.
Tail coverts:	Lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in three ending with a white tip.
Wings:	Fronts and bows: lustrous greenish-black, about one feather in two ending in a small sharply defined white tip. Coverts: lustrous greenishblack, about one feather in two ending with a white tip. All the rest is similar to the male.

THE WHITE

Comb:	Face and wattles: bright red. Beak: pinkish horn. Eyes: reddish bay. Ear-lobes: white.
Shanks and toes:	Pinkish white.
Plumage:	Pure white throughout.

BANTAMS

Houdan Bantams are rarely seen but should follow the large fowl standard.

SCALE OF POINTS		
	MALE	FEMALE
Type	12	10
Size	18	20
Comb	15	8
Legs and Feet	10	10
Colour	15	15
Crest	12	15
Muffling	8	12
Condition	10	10
TOTAL	100	100

