
Natal Game

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ORIGIN:	South Africa
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed; Hard feather
EGG COLOUR:	Tinted (Sitters)
MASSES:	
Cock:	4.1kg min.
Hen:	2.7kg min.
Cockerel:	3.4kg min.
Pullet:	2.3kg min.

This interesting breed originated in Natal but no definite information on the breeds used is available. In a sworn affidavit, dated the 24th June 1954, Mr Allan L Hope of Richmond, Natal states that he has bred true Natal Games since 1910 without the introduction of any other Game fowl blood. Admitted to the S.A. Standard in April 1956.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Firm, well balanced, bold and powerful.
Body:	Body giving the impression of substance, compact; medium length; close plumage; shoulders held high; body wide and square at shoulders, tapering off to the tail, the back flat and sloping. Breast deep and full, flesh hard and corky. Skin yellow. Wings tight and carried high, and close to the body.
Head:	Beak strong and curved; comb pea, set close and firm on the head, and well forward from the base of the beak; colour brilliant red. Skull medium; the profile of skull approaching the shape of a segment of a circle. Eyes pearl, daw or yellow, prominent. Ear-lobes (slightly folded) and wattles brilliant red.
Neck:	Firm and muscular, medium in length, close hackle, clean throat.
Tail:	Tail is short to medium in length; carried slightly above horizontal, slightly open. A fan or whip tail not desirable.
Legs & Feet:	Medium in length, thighs thick and strong, and well apart. Shanks well rounded, closely scaled, free of feather, springy in hock. Feet broad; toes, four, long and straight, well spread. Back toe flat on ground as for Game birds; colour yellow.

THE FEMALE

General characteristics similar to cocks, allowing for normal sexual differences.

COLOUR

ANY RECOGNISED COLOUR

Plumage:

Colour of plumage similar to Malay or Old English Game. The code for **Any Recognised Colour** must be used when entering the colour code for Natal Game.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any deformity, such as wry or squirrel tail, bent breast, duck foot, loose hock; roach or round back, feathers on shank or toes; red eyes; immature or underweight, lack of condition, comb other than pea. Any sign of dubbing or trimming. Anything alien or foreign to the breed.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Head (including beak and eyes)	10
Neck	10
Body (including breast, back and belly)	25
Wings	7
Tail	5
Thighs	8
Legs and Feet	10
Plumage and Colour	5
Handling (symmetry, boldness, condition)	15
Carriage, action and activity	5
TOTAL	100