
MAGPIE

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ORIGIN: Wales
CLASSIFICATION: Light
MASSSES:
 Drake: 2.5 to 3.2kg
 Duck: 2.0 to 2.7kg

The Magpie is a very striking duck because of its bold black and white or blue and white plumage. It yields both meat and eggs and is a medium sized duck.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage: Fairly broad across and deep, good length of body, giving a somewhat racy appearance, indicative of strength combined with great activity.

Type: Long back, level and fairly broad. Breast: full and nicely rounded. Wings: powerful, carried close to body. Tail: medium length, gently rising from back. The drake having curled feathers. Abdomen well developed.

Head: Straight and long. Eyes: large and prominent, giving keen and alert appearance. Bill: long, and broad.

Neck: Long, strong and slightly curved.

Legs and Feet: Legs: medium length, set wide apart. Feet: straight.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Crooked back, excessive weight. Excessive coarseness. Wry tail. Slipped or twisted wings.

COLOUR

THE BLACK AND WHITE

DRAKE AND DUCK

Plumage:

Head and neck: white, surmounted by a black cap covering the whole of the crown of the head to the top of the eyes. Breast: white. Back solid black from the points of the junction of the wing bows and body in a straight line across the back of the tail and extending over the wings, giving the effect, when looking at the duck from behind, of a heart shaped black mantle. The point of juncture of the black and white should be clear and well defined. Wings, primaries, secondaries, thighs and rump: white. Tail: black.

Bill:

Pale yellow to deep orange. Eyes: dark brown or dark grey. Legs and feet: orange. Black on feet and webs a slight defect.

THE BLUE AND WHITE

Marked as the black and white except that the black is replaced by blue.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Weights	8
Condition	10
Head, bill, eyes	10
Neck 2, back 4, tail 2, wings 2, breast 6	16
Body	20
Legs and feet	4
Colour	32
TOTAL	100