
MUSCOVY

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ORIGIN:	South America
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy
EGG COLOUR:	White
MASSSES:	
Drake	4.5 – 6.3kg
Duck	2.3 – 3.2 kg

Originated in South America. It is a distinct race and not a true duck. When crossed with other races its progeny is sterile. Incubation period is 35 days instead of 28 as with other races of ducks. The power to raise or lower the crest on the head like a parrot is unique to this race of waterfowl.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage:	Low, jaunty.
Type:	Body: broad, deep, very long and powerful. Breast: full, well rounded and carried low. Underbody: long and well fleshed, clear of the ground, slightly rounded. Wings: very strong, long and carried high. Tail: long and carried low to give the body a longer appearance to the eye and slightly curved outline to the top of the body.
Head:	Large and adorned with a small crest of feathers (more pronounced in the drake) which are raised erect in excitement or alarm. Caruncles: on face and over base of the bill. Bill: wide, strong, of medium length and slightly curved. Eyes: large with wild or fierce expression.
Neck:	Of medium length, strong and almost erect.
Legs and feet:	Legs: strong, set wide apart and fairly short. Thighs: short strong and well fleshed. Feet: straight with pronounced nails.
Plumage:	Close.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Smooth head. Feathers other than white in any part of plumage of the white variety.

COLOURS

WHITE

Plumage: Pure white throughout. Bill: pinkish flesh colour. Eyes: blue or grey.
Face caruncles: red. Shanks and toes: orange or yellow.

BLACK

Plumage: A dense beetle green black throughout, with bronze on the breast and parts of the neck.

BLACK AND WHITE

Plumage: Glossy black and white with defined regularity in markings.
Bill: Dark horn.
Eyes: Brown
Face: Caruncles red.

WHITE-WINGED BLACK

Plumage: A dense black throughout, except white wing bows. The black to have a metallic green sheen, or luster, with bronze on the breast and parts of the neck.

WHITE-WINGED BLUE

Plumage: Blue except for white wing bows.

Face and Caruncles: Red.

Eyes: Yellow or brown.

Legs and webs: Dusky yellow to yellow.

BLUE

Plumage: A light or dark shade of blue.

BLUE AND WHITE

Plumage: Blue and white with defined regularity of markings.

IN ALL COLOURS:

Bill: Yellow and black, red, flesh or lighter shade at point.

Face and caruncles: Red or black.

Eyes: From yellow and brown to blue.

Legs and feet: White to black.

SCALE OF POINTS

Shape and carriage	40
Head (including crest and caruncles)	20
Size	20
Condition	10
Colour	10
TOTAL	100

