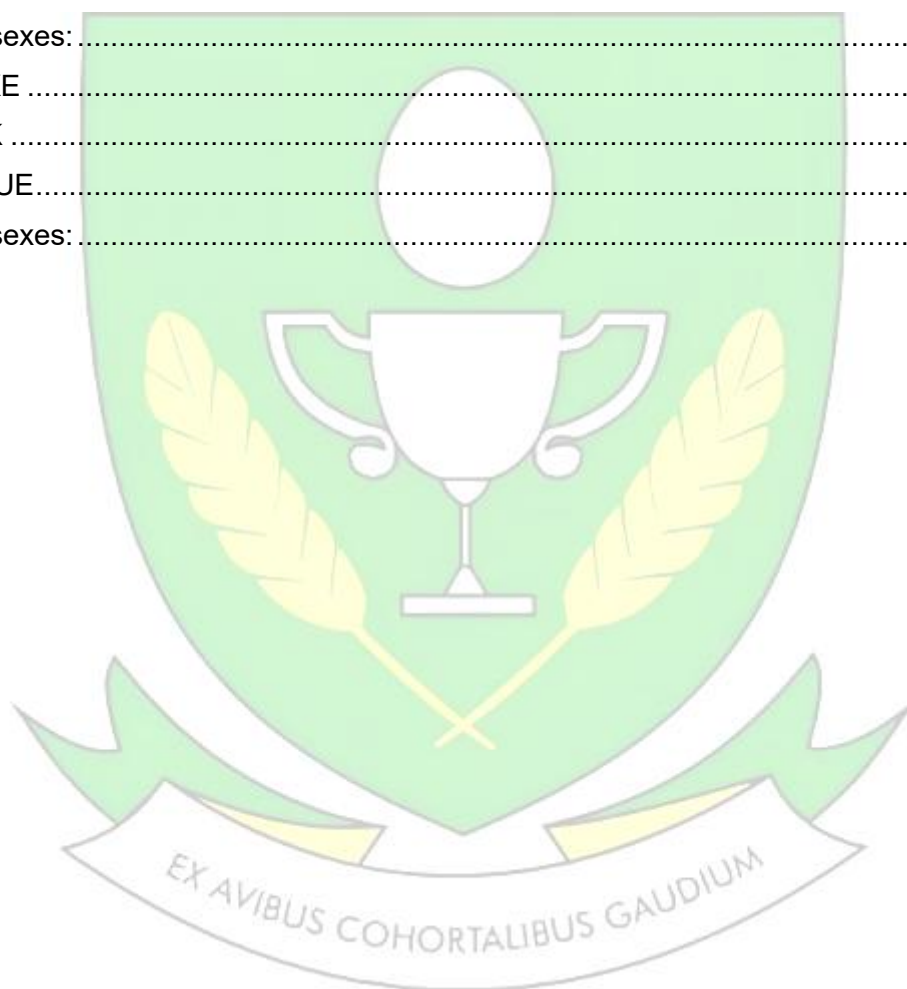

ORPINGTON

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ORIGIN:	England
CLASSIFICATION:	Light
EGG COLOUR:	White
MASSSES:	
Drake:	2.2 to 3.4kg
Duck:	2.2 to 3.2kg

It was from the blending of the Indian Runner, Cayuga, Rouen and Aylesbury that Mr W Cook of Orpington, Kent, bred the Buff Orpington.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage:	Slightly elevated at the shoulders i.e. not quite as horizontal as the Aylesbury, but avoiding any tendency to the upright carriage of the Pekin or Runner.
Type:	Body: long, broad and deep, without any sign of keel, perfectly straight back. Full round breast. Strong wings carried closely to the sides. Small tail, compact, and rising slightly from the line of the back, the drake's having two or three curled feathers in the centre. When in lay, the duck's abdomen should nearly touch the ground.
Head:	Fine and oval shape, with narrow skull. Bill: moderate length, the upper mandible straight from bean to base in line with the highest point of skull. Eyes: large and bold, set high in the head; deep set and scowling eyes are most objectionable.
Neck:	Of moderate length, slender and upright.
Legs and Feet:	Of moderate length, strong and set well apart. Feet: straight.
Plumage:	Tight and glossy.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Colour other than stated. In the Blue: white in face, or orange or yellow legs. In the Buff drake: grey, silver or blue head, white feathers in neck, brown secondaries, beetle-green on

any part, very green bill. In the Buff duck: very heavy lacing, strong light line over eyes, white feathers in neck or breast, brown feathers, green bill.

COLOUR

THE BUFF

Both sexes:

Bill: Orange with dark bean.

Eyes: Brown iris and blue pupil.

Legs and feet: Bright orange red.

Plumage:

DRAKE
A rich even shade of deep red buff throughout, free from lacing, barring and pencilling, except that his head and neck are seal brown with bright gloss but complete absence of beetle-green, the seal brown to terminate in a sharply defined line all the way round the neck. Rump: red brown, as free as possible from blue.

Plumage:

DUCK
Similar to that of the drake's body, and free from blue, brown or white feathers.

THE BLUE

Both sexes:

Bill: Blue, a slight green tinge is permitted, especially in old birds, but there must be no trace of yellow or orange.

Eyes: Deep blue iris and black pupil.

Legs and feet: Dark blue, some orange or yellow is allowed but only if mottled with blue.

Plumage:

An even shade of blue, the darker the better, free from any bronze tint, but with a white bib extending from centre of the neck about 8 cm on to the breast, roughly oblong, about 5 cm at the widest part and clearly defined. The head and upper part of the drake's neck at least two shades darker than his body colour. The soundest coloured birds show some lacing, while a little white is permissible in the flights, there must not be any white on the face. Any eye streak must be severely penalised.

SCALE OF POINTS: THE BUFF	
Type and size	40
Colour	40
Head and eyes	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100

SCALE OF POINTS: THE BLUE	
Type and size	30
Colour and plumage	30
Head, bill and eyes, including colour	20
Legs and feet, including colour	20
TOTAL	100

