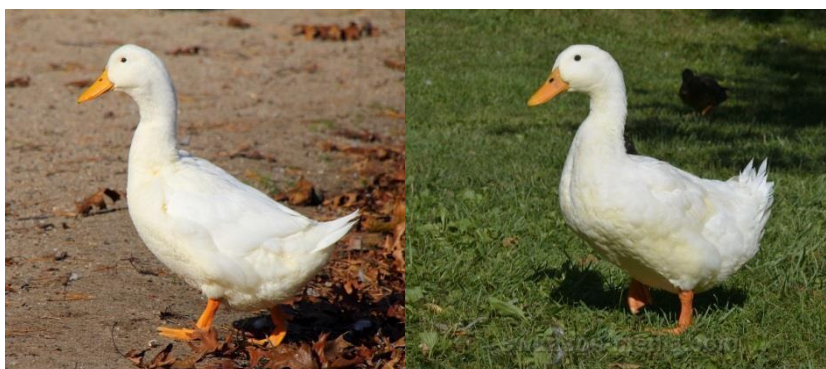

PEKIN

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ORIGIN: Asia
CLASSIFICATION: Heavy
EGG COLOUR: White
MASSES:
Drake: 4.1 kg
Duck: 3.6 kg

Bred in China, the Pekin reached England and America about 1874. English breeders called for a buff canary colour or deep cream, the former was preferred. The breed died out in England because of the demand for buff canary. In America the breed became very popular.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage: Almost upright, elevated in front and sloping downwards to rear.

Type: Body: broad and of medium length, without any indication of keel except a little between the legs. Breast: broad and full, followed in underline by the keel, (which shows very slightly between the legs) to a broad, deep paunch and stern, carried just clear of the ground. Back: broad. Wings: short, carried closely to the sides. Well spread tail carried high, the drake's having two or three curled feathers on top.

Note: A good description of the general shape of the Pekin is that it resembles a small wide boat standing almost on its stern, and the bow leaning slightly forward.

Head: Large broad and round, with high skull, rising rather abruptly from the base of the bill, and heavy cheeks. Bill: short, broad and thick, slightly convex, but not dished. Eyes: partially shaded by heavy eye brows and bulky cheeks.

Neck: Long and thick, carried well forward in a graceful arch or curve, and with a slightly gulleated throat.

Legs and Feet: Strong and stout, set well back and causing erect carriage. Feet: straight.

Plumage: Very abundant, the thighs and fluff well furnished with soft downy feathers.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Black spots or marks on the bill of the male. Any colour foreign to the breed.

COLOUR

WHITE

Bill: Bright orange and free from black marks and spots.
Eyes: Dark lead blue.
Legs and feet: Bright orange.
Plumage: Creamy white colour, in preference to pure white.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type	25
Size	20
Head, bill 10, eyes 5	15
Colour	15
Condition	10
Neck	5
Tail	5
Legs and feet	5
TOTAL	100