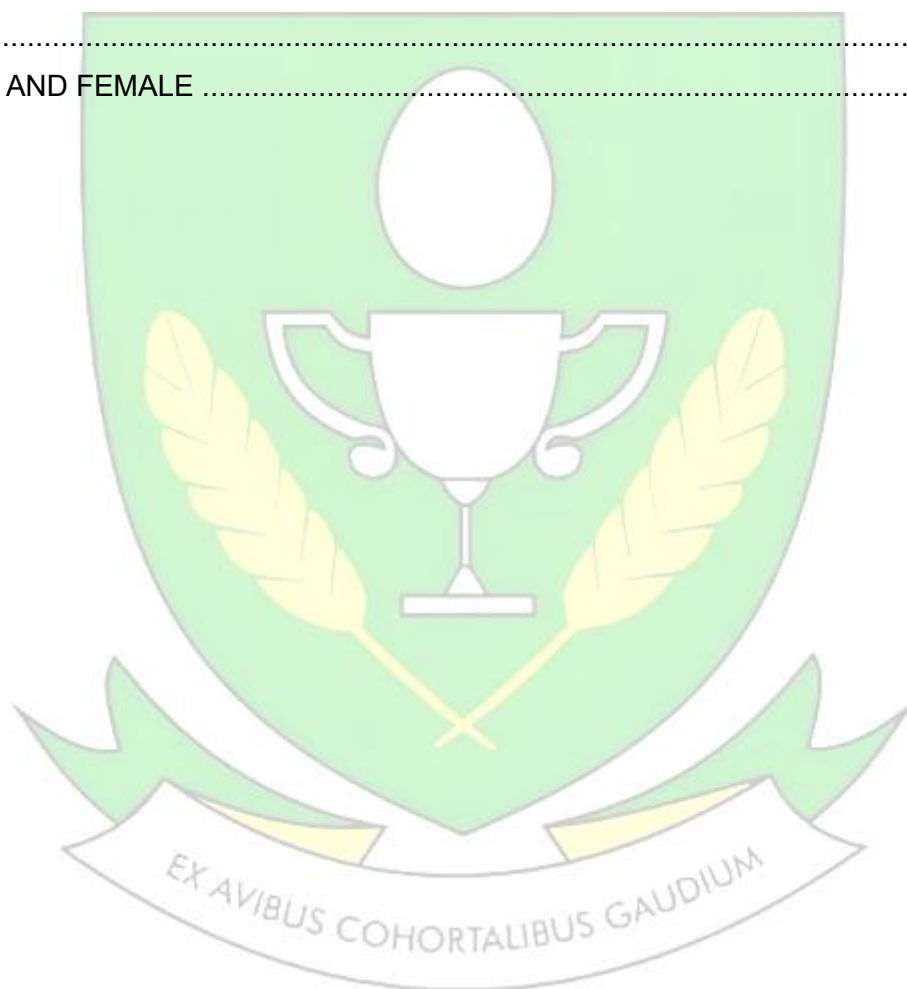

SLATE TURKEYS

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ORIGIN:	American
CLASSIFICATION:	Medium
MASSES:	
Mature Tom:	11.0 to 16.0kg
Mature Hen:	8.0 to 12.0kg
Young Stag:	8.0 to 12.0kg
Young Hen:	5.0 to 8.0kg

The Slate Turkey is believed to have evolved from crossing Norfolk Blacks with Eastern Wild. The breed was admitted to the American Standards of Perfection in 1874. Up to the early part of the twentieth century, the Slate and the Blue turkeys were very popular at the London shows.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Head:	Medium in length, deep broad, carunculated, with tubular leader at base of beak, its size subject to extension or contraction according to the mood of the specimen.
Beak:	Medium length, strong, curved, well set in head.
Eyes:	Full, oval and prominent.
Throat and Wattle:	Throat: heavily carunculated in males. Wattles: male and female, large pendant, extending from lower base of lower mandible to point down front of neck.
Neck:	Medium in length, erect, gracefully curved blending into back.
Beard:	Long, bristly, prominent in adult males, not required in females.
Back:	Broad, sloping from neck in a slightly convex curve to tail. Flat between the wings with width carried well back toward base of tail.
Tail:	Moderately long. Feathers: broad, carried low in a continued graceful line with back. Coverts: broad and abundant extending well onto tail.

- Wings:** Powerful, smoothly folded, carried well up on sides. Feathers: broad and overlapping.
- Breast and Keel:** The frontal part broad, deep, full, well rounded, carried well forward and slightly above horizontal. The breast at the face of the keel should be wide with a flat appearance, keel medium in length, slightly convex, full fleshed, throughout its entire length.
- Body:** Broad, deep, compact. Carriage: sufficiently upright to show back angle of approximately forty-five degrees above horizontal from base of tail to shoulders.
- Fluff:** Moderately short.
- Legs and Toes:** Legs: medium length, strong, straight, set well apart. Thighs: well filled out with flesh down to the hocks. Shanks: strong, of good substance and as approximately as long as the keel. Toes: four on each foot, straight, strong and well-spread.
- Skin:** Fine in texture.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Wry tail. Pronounced debeaking.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Feathers other than slate or ash blue, which may be dotted, with black, in any part of plumage. Crooked or other deformity of the breastbone. Any other deformity.

COLOUR

SLATE

MALE AND FEMALE

- Head:** Red, changeable to bluish white.
- Beak:** Horn.
- Eyes:** Dark brown.
- Throat wattle:** Red, changeable to bluish white.
- Shanks & Feet:** Pink in adults, deep pink in young.

Plumage: Slaty blue. May be dotted or flecked with black.

Beard: Black.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Shape (type)	25
Head, neck and wattle	15
Legs and feet	10
Weight	10
Colour	35
Condition	5
TOTAL	100

