



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

SWEDISH



ORIGIN: Europe

CLASSIFICATION: Heavy

MASSES:

Adult drake: 3.6kg

Adult duck: 3.2kg

The Blue Swedish duck is admired for its striking appearance. Its rich well-laced blue colour and white flights makes this bird a challenge for any breeder.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage: From 20 to 25 degrees above horizontal. Alert and lively.

Type: Body in proportion to dimensions of the back. Body: round, deep, plump and without keel. Breast: full and round. Abdomen: free of bulkiness, round, full and capacious. Back: flat, straight about 50% longer than broad. Compact tail, rather short carried slightly elevated. Neatly folded wings, carried well up but not meeting over the back.

Head: Proportionate in size, oval neat. Bill: medium length straight culmen, attached from top of the eye. Eyes: bold and bright.

Neck: Moderately slender, tapering from shoulders, slightly curved.

Legs and Feet: Thighs: well fleshed and of sufficient length to display the hocks just below the coverts. Shanks: moderately short, strong.

COLOUR

BLUE

DRAKE AND DUCK

Head: In the drake dark blue with greenish luster. In the duck, same as body colour.

Plumage: Remainder of plumage a uniform shade of medium blue throughout, except for an unbroken, inverted "heart shaped" bib about 7,5 x 10 cm in size upon the lower neck and upper breast. Wings: same as body colour, except that the two outer primaries in each wing should appear white. Speculums: as inconspicuous as possible.

Bill in the drake: Blue preferred, but greenish blue acceptable.

Bill in the duck: Rather dull orange brown, with a darker saddle.

Eyes: Brown.

Legs and feet: Orange in drake, brownish orange in the duck.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type	20
Weight	20
Colour	30
Head, neck and bill	15
Legs and feet	5
Condition	10
TOTAL	100