



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

### SWEDISH



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<b>ORIGIN:</b>	Europe
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	Heavy
<b>MASSSES:</b>	
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

<b>Carriage:</b>	From 20 to 25 degrees above horizontal. Alert and lively.
<b>Type:</b>	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.
<b>Head:</b>	Proportionate in size, oval neat. Bill: medium length straight culmen, attached from top of the eye. Eyes: bold and bright.
<b>Neck:</b>	Moderately slender, tapering from shoulders, slightly curved.
<b>Legs and Feet:</b>	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>