

AMERAUCANA

This breed was created in the 1970s and 1980s in the North Central region of the United States by refining hatchery-quality colored egg layers into Standard-recognized color varieties with uniform and distinctive features. The final refinement of large fowl Ameraucanas followed that of Ameraucana bantams, which were bred with a greater level of consistency earlier in the breeds development. This breed lays eggs with blue shell pigmentation with a medium pastel blue being the ideal. The Ameraucana is a practical fowl of moderation with no individual section being extreme or out of balance. Eight varieties of Ameraucana were admitted to the Standard in 1984.

ECONOMIC QUALITIES

A general-purpose fowl for the production of meat and eggs. **Color of skin, white; color of egg shells, blue.**

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Presence of ear tufts, absence of beard and muffs, yellow bottoms of feet or toes. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

STANDARD WEIGHT

Cock	6½ lbs.	Hen	5½ lbs.
Cockerel	5½ lbs.	Pullet	4½ lbs.

SHAPE – MALE

COMB: Pea, relatively small, higher in center than rear or front.

BEAK: **Medium length**, strong, curved.

FACE: Nearly hidden by muffs.

EYES: Relatively large, **round**, expressive.

WATTLES: Very small, preferably absent, **largely concealed by beard.**

EAR-LOBES: Small, oval, **largely concealed by muffs.**

HEAD: Relatively broad, medium size.

BEARD AND MUFFS: Full, well rounded, medium length, forming three separate lobes.

NECK: Well arched, medium length.

HACKLE- Abundant, full, flowing well over shoulders and nearly meeting in front of neck.

BACK: Medium length, broad, carried slightly elevated at shoulders **and with smooth transition to tail.**

SADDLE – Abundant, medium length.

TAIL: Medium length, well spread, carried at an angle of forty-five degrees (45°) above horizontal.

MAIN TAIL – **Broad and overlapping.**

MAIN SICKLES – **Broad**, well curved, **extending beyond main tail feathers.**

LESSER SICKLES AND COVERTS – Abundant, medium length, well curved.

WINGS: Moderately large, tips carried above hock, fronts concealed by hackle.

PRIMARIES AND SECONDAIRES – Broad and overlapping in a natural order when wing is folded.

BREAST: Prominent, well-rounded.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Moderately long, broad, full, deep.

FLUFF: Moderately short.

LEGS AND TOES: Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front.

LOWER THIGHS – Medium length, smooth, well feathered.

SHANKS – Medium length.

TOES – Four on each foot, long, straight, well-spread.

SHAPE – FEMALE

COMB: Pea, small.

BEAK: Medium length, strong, curved.

FACE: Nearly hidden by muffs.

EYES: Relatively large, round, expressive.

WATTLES: Very small, preferably absent, largely concealed by beard.

EAR-LOBES: Small, oval, largely concealed by muffs.

HEAD: Relatively broad, medium size.

BEARD AND MUFFS: Full, well rounded, medium length, forming three separate lobes.

NECK: Medium length, slightly arched; feather full, moderately long.

BACK: Medium length, relatively broad, slightly elevated at shoulders, moderate cushion providing smooth transition to tail

TAIL: Medium length, well spread, top two feathers slightly curved, carried at an angle of forty degrees (40°) above horizontal.

MAIN TAIL – Broad and overlapping.

WINGS: Moderately large, fairly prominent, well folded and carried above the hock.

PRIMARIES AND SECONDAIRES – Broad and overlapping in a natural order when wing is folded.

BREAST: Full, well rounded.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Moderately long, broad, full, deep.

FLUFF: Moderately short.

LEGS AND TOES: Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front.

LOWER THIGHS – Medium length, smooth, well feathered.

SHANKS – Medium length.

TOES – Four on each foot, long, straight, well-spread.

Note – See interpretation of Standard 'Quality of feather,' pg. 29.

BLACK AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female ear-lobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Black.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Very dark slate to black, bottoms of feet and toes, white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Black Plumage Color, pg. 34. (Attachment #1)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Black.

BLUE AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female ear-lobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Dark horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate to black, bottoms of feet and toes, white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Blue Plumage Color, pg. xx. (Attachment #2)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Blue.

BLUE WHEATEN AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red.

BEAK: Horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

BEARD AND MUFFS: Blue.

HEAD: Light orange.

NECK: HACKLE – Light orange shading to golden at lower extremities, free from dark striping.

FRONT OF NECK – Blue, some orange ticking permissible.

BACK: Lustrous orange-red.

SADDLE – Lustrous golden-orange, free from dark striping.

TAIL: MAIN TAIL – Blue.

SICKLES AND COVERTS – Blue, some orange red shafting.

WINGS: FRONTS – Blue, preferably laced with dark blue.

BOWS – Lustrous orange-red.

COVERTS – Blue, forming distinct bar across wing.

PRIMARIES – Blue, lower webs edged with bay.

SECONDAIRES – Blue, bay on outer web surface to form a wing bay of the same continuous color when wing is folded.

BREAST: Blue, preferably laced with dark blue.

BODY AND FLUFF: BODY – Blue.

FLUFF – Blue, orange ticking permissible.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Blue.

SHANKS AND TOES – Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Slate.

COLOR – FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except ear-lobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

BEARD AND MUFFS: Light creamy wheaten.

HEAD: Light creamy wheaten.

NECK: An even shade of wheaten with some luster.

FRONT OF NECK – Light, creamy wheaten.

BACK: Light wheaten.

TAIL: Light blue, outer web edged with wheaten, top two feathers stippled with wheaten.

WINGS:

SHOULDERS, FRONTS, COVERTS – Light wheaten.

PRIMARIES – Light blue, outer webs light wheaten.

SECONDAIRES – Light blue stippled with wheaten, exposed portion of outer web forming a light to medium wheaten wing bay.

BREAST: Light wheaten.

BODY AND FLUFF: BODY – Light wheaten.

FLUFF – Light wheaten.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Light wheaten.

SHANKS AND TOES – Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Very light slate.

BROWN RED AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Dark horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate to black, bottoms of feet and toes white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Brown Red Plumage Color, pg. xx (Attachment #3)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Black.

BUFF AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Light horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Buff Plumage Color, pg. xx. (Attachment #4)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Buff.

SELF BLUE AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female ear-lobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Horn to black.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate to black, bottoms of feet and toes, white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Self Blue Plumage Color, pg. xx. (Attachment #5)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Medium shade of clear blue, matching body color.

SILVER AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Silver Plumage Color pg. xx except saddle of the male to be the same as the hackle, but with less striping. (Attachment #6)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Male – black; female – gray shading to salmon at lower extremity of beard.

WHEATEN AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Horn.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

PLUMAGE: See description of Wheaten Plumage Color, pg. xx except lighter shades in females preferred. (Attachment #7)

BEARD AND MUFFS: Males – black; females – creamy wheaten.

WHITE AMERAUCANAS

COLOR – MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: **Bright** red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of the skin.

BEAK: Light horn to gray.

EYES: Reddish bay.

SHANKS AND TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet and toes white.

PLUMAGE: See description of White Plumage Color, pg. xx. (Attachment #8)

BEARD AND MUFFS: White.

Attachment #1

Black

MALE AND FEMALE

SURFACE: Lustrous greenish black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: (Except where otherwise specified) dull black in dark-legged varieties; slate in yellow-legged varieties.

Attachment #2

Blue

MALE

HEAD: Glossy black.

NECK:

HACKLE – An even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with glossy black.

FRONT OF NECK – Same as breast.

BACK AND SADDLE: An even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with glossy black.

TAIL: Main tail, sickles and coverts, an even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with glossy black.

WINGS:

FRONTS AND BOWS – An even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with glossy black.

COVERTS – An even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

PRIMARIES – An even shade of bluish slate.

SECONDARIES – Lower webs, an even shade of clear bluish slate; upper webs, clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with black.

BREAST: An even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – An even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

FLUFF – Clear bluish slate, laced with black.

LEGS: Lower thighs, an even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Bluish slate.

FEMALE

HEAD: Bluish slate.

NECK: An even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with black.

FRONT OF NECK – Same as breast.

BACK: An even shade of clear bluish slate, each feather laced with black.

TAIL: Main tail and coverts, an even shade of clear bluish slate, each feather laced with black.

WINGS:

FRONTS, BOWS AND COVERTS – An even shade of clear bluish slate, each feather having a sharply defined lacing of black.

PRIMARIES – An even shade of bluish slate.

SECONDARIES – An even shade of clear bluish slate, distinctly laced with black.

BREAST: An even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – An even shade of clear bluish slate, each feather distinctly laced with black.

FLUFF – An even shade of clear bluish slate, laced with black.

LEGS: Lower thighs, an even shade of clear bluish slate, each having a sharply defined lacing of black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Bluish slate.

NOTE – All Blue Varieties are considered parti-colored varieties.

NOTE – Blue fowl are genetically black fowl in which the black pigment granules are modified in shape and distribution on the surface of the feather, creating a dilution of black, resulting in the characteristic bluish slate color. This is the result of incomplete dominance and the heterozygous expression of the 'Blue' gene. Blue bred to Blue will produce offspring colored in the following proportions: one-half blue, one-half black and one-half splash. Black bred to Blue will produce one-half black and one-half blue offspring while Black bred to Splash will produce all Blue offspring.

Attachment #3

Brown Red

Male – Color

HEAD: Lustrous deep orange.

NECK:

HACKLE – Lustrous deep orange, with a narrow, dark stripe through the middle of each feather, terminating in a point near its lower extremity.

FRONT OF NECK – Black with very narrow lacing of deep orange.

BACK: Lustrous deep orange.

SADDLE – Same as hackle.

TAIL:

MAIN TAIL – Black, with slight luster.

SICKLES AND COVERTS – Lustrous beetle green black.

WINGS:

SHOULDERS – Black.

FRONTS – Black.

BOWS – Lustrous deep orange, to match back.

COVERTS – Lustrous black.

PRIMARIES AND SECONDARIES – Black, wing bay with slight luster.

BREAST:

UPPER BREST – Black with very narrow lacing of deep orange.

LOWER BREST – Black.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Black.

FLUFF – Black,

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Dull black.

Color – Female

HEAD: Deep orange.

NECK: Deep orange, with narrow dark stripe through the middle of each feather, terminating in a point near its lower extremity.

FRONT OF NECK – Black with very narrow lacing of deep orange.

BACK: Black.

TAIL:

MAIN TAIL – Black.

WINGS: Black.

BREAST:

UPPER BREST - Black with very narrow lacing of deep orange.

LOWER BREST – Black.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Black.

FLUFF – Black.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Dull black.

Attachment #4

Buff

MALE AND FEMALE

SURFACE: An even shade of rich golden buff, (definition of buff, pg. 6).

MALE – Head, neck, hackle, back, wing bows and saddle showing some luster.

FEMALE – Hackle showing some luster.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Matching surface color as near as possible.

Attachment #5

Self Blue

MALE AND FEMALE

PLUMAGE: Medium shade of clear blue in all sections, free from shifting and mealiness, with no contrast in color between any of the sections, a harmonious blending of all sections desired; the male sex feathers of hackle, back, saddle and wing-bows carrying a metallic gloss of the same basic hue of the general plumage, free from green, purple or bronze sheen.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Matching surface color as near as possible.

Attachment #6

Silver

COLOR – MALE

HEAD: Silvery white.

NECK:

HACKLE – Silvery white with a narrow dull black stripe extending down middle of each lower hackle feather, tapering to a point near its lower extremity.

FRONT OF NECK – Rich glossy black.

BACK: Silvery black.

CAPE – Black.

SADDLE – Silvery white.

TAIL:

MAIN TAIL – Black.

SICKLES – Lustrous greenish black.

UPPER COVERTS – Lustrous greenish black.

LOWER COVERTS – Silvery white.

WINGS:

FRONTS – Black.

BOWS – Silvery white.

COVERTS – Lustrous greenish black forming a distinct bar across the wing.

PRIMARIES – Black, lower web edged with white.

SECONDAIRES – Black, part of lower webs white of sufficient width to form triangular wing-bay of the same color.

BREAST: Lustrous black.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Black.

FLUFF – Black.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Light Slate.

COLOR – FEMALE

HEAD: Silvery gray.

NECK: Silvery gray, with narrow, dull black stripe extending down middle of each feather, tapering to a point near lower extremity.

FRONT OF NECK – Light salmon.

BACK: Web of feathers on surface, ashy gray finely stippled with silvery white, silvery white predominating; more importance is attached to fineness, sharp definition of stippling, evenness of color and freedom from shafting than to the particular shade or color, but it is more important that the effect produced be that of a soft, even gray; the unexposed portion of the feather to be ashy gray shading into slate.

TAIL:

MAIN TAIL – Black except the two top feathers which are ashy gray stippled with silvery

white.

COVERTS – same as back.

WINGS:

FRONTS, BOWS AND COVERTS – Same color as described for back.

PRIMARIES – Black, lower web edged with gray.

SECONDAIRES – Black, outer webs finely stippled with silvery white.

BREAST: Salmon, shading to gray towards sides.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Gray, formed of ashy gray finely stippled with silvery white, free from dark marks, shafting or bars.

FLUFF – Light ashy gray.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Gray, formed of ashy gray finely stippled with silvery white.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Slate

Attachment #7

Wheaten

Male – Color

HEAD: Light orange red, free from dark feathers.

NECK:

HACKLE – Light orange red, lightening in color towards the lower extremities, free from dark feathers.

FRONT OF NECK – Black.

BACK: Lustrous bright red.

SADDLE – Same as hackle.

TAIL:

MAIN TAIL – Black with lustrous greenish sheen.

SICKLES AND COVERTS – Lustrous black with greenish sheen and reddish cast on feather shafts.

WINGS:

FRONTS – Black.

SHOULDERS AND BOWS – Lustrous bright red.

COVERTS – Lustrous bluish black forming a distinct bar across wing.

PRIMARIES – Black, lower webs edged with bay.

SECONDAIRES – Dull black, bay on outer web of surface to form a wing-bay of the same color when folded.

BREAST: Black with green luster.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Black.

FLUFF – Black.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Black.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Light slate.

Color – Female

HEAD: Rich wheaten (creamy golden brown)

NECK: Lustrous medium shade of wheaten.

FRONT OF NECK – Creamy wheaten.

BACK: Creamy wheaten.

TAIL: Two top main tail feathers rich wheaten, slightly stippled with black; balance of main tail feathers dull black, outer web, slightly edged with wheaten.

WINGS:

FRONTS, BOWS AND COVERTS – Light creamy wheaten.

PRIMARIES – Outer web, medium shade of wheaten; inner web, ashy wheaten stippled with brownish black.

SECONDAIRES – Outer web, wheaten; inner web, ashy wheaten shaded with brownish black.

BREAST: Creamy wheaten.

BODY AND FLUFF:

BODY – Light creamy wheaten.

FLUFF – Light creamy wheaten.

LEGS AND TOES:

LOWER THIGHS – Light creamy wheaten.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Sections vary from light cinnamon to light slate.

Attachment #8

White

MALE AND FEMALE

PLUMAGE: Web, fluff and shafts of all feathers, in all sections, pure white.