

## Poultry Breeds – A Summary

Breed	Purpose	Colours	Characteristics	Status
Crossbred	1. Egg 2. Meat	Feathers varied Eggs white or brown. White	Light build, non broody, excellent layers Heavy build, always hungry, short lived	Common Limited genetic diversity
Ancona	Egg	Black feathers, white tips White eggs	Flighty, non broody	Rare breed
Andalusion	Egg	Black laced blue feathers White eggs	Flighty, active, non broody	Rare breed
Aracauna	Egg	Eggs blue, green, turquoise to khaki	Hardy, forage well, good mothers, some flighty. Non broody	Rare breed
Australorp	Dual purpose	Black feathers green sheen Brown eggs	Hardy, docile, good mother. Broody	Common
Barnevelder	Egg	Brown feathers, chocolate eggs	Placid, roosters protective not aggressive, susceptible to Mareks disease. Shy chicks, can be bullied by other breeds. Broody.	Rare breed
Belgian bantams	Pets, fair layers	Varied, feathered faces, attractive White eggs	Placid, prefer neat lawn, dry housing in the wet.	Rare breed
Campine	Egg, tractoring birds	Black and white barred feathers. White eggs	Forage well, flighty, non broody.	Rare breed
Croad Langshan	Dual	Black, white, blue. Eggs plum-brown	Very tall, expensive to feed. Broody.	Very rare
Dorking	Dual	Ash grey, silvery white neck Eggs white to cream	Docile, slow maturing, placid gentle, forages well without excessive scratching, five toes, broody.	Rare breed
Faverolles	Dual	White, black, buff, ermine, cuckoo. Eggs cream tinted	Exotic feathering, five toes, docile, quiet, non-aggressive, hardy, adaptable, good mothers, broody.	Rare breed
Frizzle	Ornamental	Many colours with feathers facing the head. Eggs tinted or white	Broody.	Rare breed

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Hamburgh	Egg and ornamental	Black/beetle green, spangled, pencilled. White eggs.	Hardy, vigorous, bold, alert, early maturing, some nervous and flighty, non broody.	Rare breed
Houdan	Dual	Black with white mottling, five toes huge crest and muffs. White eggs	Docile, easily handled	Very rare
Indian Game or Cornish Game	Meat	Various Brown eggs	Quiet, easily contained, somewhat aggressive, broad chest, thick legs. Good mothers, broody	Dark is common Other colours rare.
Japanese Bantam	Ornamental	White White eggs	Short legs, upright tail, waddles, easy to handle, children's pets, broody	Rare breed
Jersey Giants	Dual		Massive birds, hardy, vigorous, lay in winter	Very rare
Jungle Fowl	Original chook in SE Asian jungles	Hens plain colours, cocks red, gold, and black. Small pink eggs	Hens friendly, cocks bold some aggressive, broody	Very rare
Langshan	Dual	Black, white, blue. Brown eggs	Winter laying, feathered legs	White, blue rare. Black common
Leghorn	Egg	White, brown, black, buff, pile, cuckoo. Eggs white	Fast maturing, hardy, noisy, excitable, flighty, non broody	White common, other colours becoming rare
Minorca	Egg	Black, white. Eggs white	Non-broody	
New Hampshire	Dual	Chestnut Brown eggs	Vigorous, fast growing, hardy, good mother, broody	Rare breed
Old English Game	Ornamental, and meat (small)	Various. Eggs tinted.	Bold, courageous, hens friendly, good mothers, broody	
Orpington	Dual	Buff, blue, black Brown eggs	Fluffy body, short legs, active, gentle, good mothers, broody	Buff common, blue and black becoming rare
Pekin	Ornamental	Various	Round feather ball, placid, easily handled,	Birchen, cuckoo,

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Plymouth Rock	Dual	Barred, white Tinted eggs	Hardy, long lived, good mother, eat well, friendly, broody	Barred (light and dark) common, white rare
Polish	Ornamental	White, black crested, chamois, gold, silver, frizzled Eggs white	Non-broody	Rare breed
Rhode Island	Dual	Red and white Brown eggs	Docile, hardy, adaptable, active, good mothers, cocks aggressive, broody	Red common, white rare
Rosecomb	Ornamental	Black, white White eggs	Jaunty, feisty, flighty, non broody.	
Sebright	Ornamental	Gold and silver laced, eggs creamy white	Good mothers	Rare breed
Silkie	Ornamental	White, black, blue, gold, partridge, buff. Tinted eggs	Excellent mothers, good pets, broody	
Sussex	Dual	White with black hackle, speckled, red, brown. Tinted eggs	Good mothers, hardy in cold climates, gentle, broody	Speckled, red, brown rare
Transylvanian Naked Neck	Dual	Tinted eggs	Ideal for hot climates, lay well, friendly, active, non flighty, bantam roosters can be aggressive to other roosters	Rare breed
Welsummer	Eggs brown	Similar to jungle fowl Brown eggs	Docile, active, non broody, foragers, not flighty	Rare breed
Wyandotte	Dual	Various – white, gold and silver laced, partridge, pencilled, Columbian, Tinted eggs	Good mother, attractive, docile, friendly, only needs low fences Broody.	Pencilled and Columbian rare