

2020 ABA Standard Supplement

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ABA Standard Revisions

***WEIGHTS** on page 31 of 2020 Bantam Standard
Replace current wording with the following revision.*

In Judging, preference is to be given to a bantam that is nearest to the standard weight, at or below the standard weight specified. Excessively small specimens shall not be given preference over one of equal quality that is nearer but at or below the standard weight requirement.

Standard weights, as listed for each breed, are to be used as a guide for breeders and exhibitors to present a specimen of proper weight and size. Comparison judging is the acceptable form of judging to assess all bantams. Any over and or under-sized specimens are to be penalized to the maximum allotment of 4 points and are to be considered undesirable. - *September 2023*

p.42 Adding description to:

Female Silver Duckwing American Game Bantams:

“Silvery white shafting to be given preference in female plumage” for Silver Duckwing American Game Bantams.

Female Golden Duckwing American Game Bantams:

“Straw colored shafting to be given preference in female plumage” for Golden Duckwing American Game Bantams.

Omissions

Addition: page 152

Fawn Silver Duckwing Old English Game Eye Color: Red

Addition: page p.153

Mottled Old English Game Eye Color: Red

November 20, 2019
New Variety Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard
BREED: Wyandotte Bantam
VARIETY: Chocolate

Color of Male

MALE PLUMAGE: All male feathers including hackle, back, shoulders, wing fronts, bows, coverts, saddle, main and lesser sickles are a dark chocolate with a neutral sheen. Front of neck, body, thighs, fluff, main tall feathers, primary, secondary and wing bar a muted shade of milk chocolate. When viewed from the front there should be a definite contrast in shadow between the darker hackle feathers and those of the breast.

Under color in all sections a grayish - brown, lighter than the exposed portion of feathers.

Color of Female

FEMALE PLUMAGE: A muted shade of milk chocolate throughout with an Inherent slight tendency toward lacing in the wing coverts and back feathers. Must be light enough in shade, not to be mistaken for poor colored black. Under color in all sections is a grayish brown, slightly lighter than exposed portion of feathers. A slight neutral sheen on hackle.

Defects:

Color in either sex so dark as to approach black, Breast color in males so light as to approach tan. Blotching (light and dark feathers mixed) in either sex.

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR LOBES: bright red. BEAK: Swarthy
horn shading to yellow. EYES: Reddish Bay, SHANK AND TOES: yellow, dusky yellow permitted.

PLUMAGE: refer to chocolate color description.

CHOCOLATE WYANDOTTE BANTAM



February 20,2021
New Variety Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard
BREED: Old English Game Bantam
VARIETY: Black Breasted Golden

BLACK BREASTED GOLDEN MALE PLUMAGE

HEAD - Golden Yellow

NECK – Hackle: Brilliant golden yellow, free from dark striping and lighter shading at lower extremities of hackle feathers, front of neck and back.

BACK – Lustrous medium auburn.

SADDLE – Brilliant golden yellow, free from dark striping and lighter shading at lower extremities of saddle feathers.

TAIL: Main Tail: Black, with greenish sheen. Shafts: Black.

Sickles, Lesser Sickles and Coverts: Brilliant greenish black, shafts Black.

WINGS: Shoulders and Fronts: Black.

Wing Bay: Bay and Cream.

Bows: Rich Golden.

Coverts: Bluish black forming a distinct bar across wings.

Primaries: Black- Lower edge of lower web edged with creamy bay.

Shafts: Black.

Secondaries: Black - exposed portion of outer web forming wing bay, creamy bay.

BREAST – Lustrous Black.

BODY STERN – Black.

LOWER THIGH Black.

UNDERCOLOR – Slate in all Sections.

COMB, FACE, WATTLES and EAR

LOBES - Bright Red

BEAK - Light Horn.

EYES - Red.

SHANKS AND TOES – White Tinged
with Pink



BLACK BREASTED GOLDEN FEMALE PLUMAGE

HEAD – Golden Yellow.

NECK – Hackle: Light golden yellow, striped with black.

FRONT OF NECK - Salmon.

BACK – Surface color, dull Black, entire web evenly and finely stippled with golden brown, free from shafting, Unexposed portion of feather: dull black, shading to slate at fluff.

MAIN TAIL - Black, two top feathers evenly stippled with golden brown. Shafts: Black. Coverts: Same as back.

WINGS – Shoulders, Fronts, Bows, Coverts: Same as back.

BREAST – Salmon shading lighter at body and blending into body color.

BODY AND STERN – Ashy gray except where surface color blends into wings and back.

LOWER THIGHS - Slaty Brown

UNDERCOLOR - Slate in all sections.

DEFECTS

Black or dark striping in hackle or saddle of male.

Frosty or Mooney lacing in breast feathers of male or female.

Penciling or vermiculation in female back body, shoulders, fronts, bows and coverts feathers. These feathers should be evenly and finely stippled over entire surface, right out to the end of the feather.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

White Plumage on Any Section of Female. Positive White in Main Tail or Sickle Feather of Male.



December 3, 2021
New Variety Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard
BREED: Ameraucana
VARIETY: Self-Blue

Color of Male and Female by Variety

COMB, FACE, WATTLES & EAR LOBES: Red.

BEAK: Black to Horn.

EYES: Reddish Bay.

BEARD & MUFFS: Light slaty blue.

SHANKS & TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet pinkish white.

PLUMAGE: Refer to self-blue color description in 2020 ABA
Bantam Standard.



January 3, 2022
New Variety Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard
BREED: Ameraucana
VARIETY: Splash

Color of Male and Female by Variety

COMB, FACE, WATTLES & EAR LOBES: Red.

BEAK: Black to Horn.

EYES: Reddish Bay

BEARD & MUFFS: Slaty blue and white that has a faint bluish gray tinge, with or without blue.

SHANKS & TOES: Slate, bottoms of feet pinkish white.

PLUMAGE: Refer to splash color description in 2020 ABA Bantam Standard.



January 2023
New Varieties Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard

BREED: American Serama
VARIETY: Splash

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND
EAR LOBES: Deep Red
BEAK: Swarthy Yellow
EYES: Reddish Bay
SHANKS & TOES: Yellow to
swarthy yellow
PLUMAGE: Refer to Splash
color description, page 272, 2020
Bantam Standard



JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS:

"The judge should be alert for willow legs when judging the Splash American Serama. If willow legs are found, the bird should be disqualified."

BREED: American Serama
VARIETY: Blue

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND
EAR LOBES: Deep Red
BEAK: Swarthy Yellow
EYES: Reddish Bay
SHANKS & TOES: Yellow to
swarthy yellow
PLUMAGE: Refer to Blue color
description, page 223, 2020 Bantam
Standard



JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS: *"The judge should be alert for willow legs with the Blue American Serama. If willow legs are found, the bird should be disqualified."*

January 2023
New Variety Accepted
American Bantam Association - Bantam Standard
BREED: American Serama
VARIETY: Ginger Red

COMB, FACE, WATTLES and EAR LOBES: Bright Red.

BEAK: Horn. EYES: Red.

SHANKS and TOES: Willow Green

PLUMAGE: Refer to ginger red color description.



Judging notes regarding Silkie Plumage

Due to feather structure, all varieties of silkies display reduced luster in sections of plumage where it is required. This is inherent in the breed and shall not constitute a great flaw.

The nature of the indistinct markings in patterned varieties will be considered by the judge as he or she deems appropriate and no points shall be deducted. The judges' assessment in this regard is final.

For Example, Blue Silkies (Bearded and Non-Bearded) show no lacing on the feathering, and therefore no points shall be deducted for lack of lacing.

NOTES: