

brought out when the atmosphere is of a temperature suitable to their growth and that extremes of heat and cold are not suitable. As seasons run, the times mentioned I think will be found the most favorable of the year for the hatching of these dainty pets of the poultry yard.

SCOTCH GREYS.

ENGLISH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

General Characteristics.—Cock.

Comb.—Single, medium size, fine in texture, perfectly straight and upright, and with well-defined serrations, bright red in colour, free of side spriggs, and come well down on the head behind.

Beak.—Strong, well curved, white in colour, or white streaked with black.

Head.—Neat, long, and fine,

Eye.—Large, bright, and clear.

Ear Lobe.—Medium size, fine in texture, and bright-red in colour.

Wattle.—Medium length, bright-red, well rounded on lower edge.

Neck.—Medium length, finely tapered, well arched, and having hackle flowing down on shoulders and back.

Breast.—Broad, deep, and full, and carried well forward and upward.

Body.—Medium length, compactly built, and full of substance.

Wings.—Medium size, carried well up distinctly barred, bow and tip, covered by hackle and saddle feathers.

Tail.—Medium size, carried well up, and receding from body—not squirrel—with flowing sickles and secondaries nicely and evenly barred.

Thighs.—Long, straight, wide apart, and strong: not quite so prominent as in game.

Legs.—Strong, and rather long, white in colour, or white mottled with black—not sooty.

Feet.—Four-toed, stout and strong,

same colour as legs, toes straight and well spread out.

Size.—The larger the better, if combined with quality.

Shape.—Neither Dorking nor Game, but a blend of both, *i. e.*, having features allied to both.

Carriage and Appearance.—Erect, lively, active, bold, and graceful.

Plumage.—Cuckoo-feathered:—ground colour of body, thigh, and wing feathers should be bluish-white, whilst that of hackle, saddle, and tail feathers may vary from bluish white to light grey. The colour of the barring must be glossy black with metallic lustre. The barring in body, thigh, and wing feathers should be straight across, whilst that on hackle, saddle, and tail may be slightly angled or V shaped, and the alternating bands of black and white should be equal in width, and proportioned to size of the feather. The bird should read throughout, *i. e.*, be the same shade from head to tail, and be free from red, black, white or yellow feathers, and the hackle, saddle, and tail should be distinctly and evenly barred, whilst the marking all over should be rather, small, even, distinct, and sharply defined.

Hen.

Comb.—Medium size, fine, evenly serrated. either erect or falling slightly over.

Beak.—Strong, well curved, white in colour, or white streaked with black.

Head.—Neat, long, and fine.

Eye.—Large, bright, and clear.

Ear lobe.—Medium size, fine in texture, and bright red in colour.

Wattle.—Medium length, bright red, well round on lower edge.

Neck.—Rather long, hackle distinctly marked and same shade as body.

Breast.—Broad, deep, and full, and carried well forward and upward,

Body.—Medium length, compactly built, and full of substance.

Wings.—Medium size, carried well up, distinctly barred, bow and tip, covered by hackle, and saddle feathers.

Tail.—Medium size, well marked, receding from body: not squirrel.

Thighs.—Long, strong, and well shown.

Legs.—Rather long, pinky, white, or slightly mottled; not sooty.

Feet.—Four-toed, stout and strong, same colour as legs, toes straight and well spread out.

Size.—The larger the better if combined with quality.

Shape.—Neither Dorking nor Game, but a blend of both, *i. e.*, having features allied to both.

Carriage and Appearance.—Erect, lively, active, bold, and graceful.

Plumage.—Same as cock, but markings rather larger, even and distinct, producing an appearance like shepherd's tartan.

STANDARD OF PERFECTION.—A perfect bird in shape, style, colour, &c., and in perfect health and condition, to count in points, 100.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.—Fraudulent dyeing and trimming, any bodily deformity, any distinct characteristic of any other breed not applicable to the Scotch Grey.

POINTS IN SCOTCH GREYS.

	Points.
Colour and Markings of hackle ...	10
Colour and Markings of Wings and across Shoulders ...	10
Colour and Markings of back ...	10
Colour, Markings, and Carriage of Tail ...	10
Colours and Markings on Breast and Thigh ...	10
Head and Comb ...	10
Legs and Feet ...	5
Size ...	15
Symmetry ..	10
Condition ...	10