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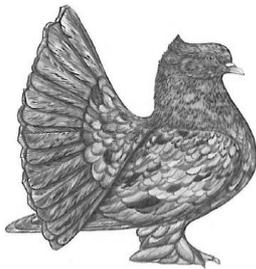
Fancy Pigeon Breeds in South Africa

Fantail



The body of a Fantail is small and round like a ball when viewed from any angle, showing a graceful curve from the chest to the feet. The appearance of the back is slightly hollow in the center and the length of the back is in proportion to the length of the neck, enabling the head to rest closely in the center of the base of the cushion. The tail is slightly concave, circular, closely filled with broad, evenly set feathers, well overlapping each other. The legs are moderately short, to medium in length, set well apart and forward so as to conform with the curve of the bodyline.

Indian Fantail



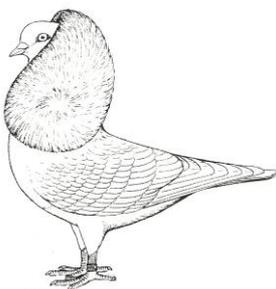
The Indian Fantail is a medium size bird of which the bodyline should be carried horizontal. The head and the neck should be carried in a way that the eye is in a vertical line with the toes. The saucer shaped tail is large, full and round. A double layer of tail feathers is preferred. The tail feathers should reach 50mm above the top of the head and the tail should be positioned 38mm from the back of the head. The base of the crest must be in direct line with the eyes and the beak setting. The feet are covered with feathers and the muffs should be 50mm in length. The flights of the bird should be below the tail.

Jacobin



The Jacobin is a medium size bird with a body that is long, slender at the shoulders and gradually tapering to the tail. The hood is long and reaching forward to the front of the skull, thick and even at the edges, fitting close to the head and well built up behind. The chain is long and full, covering well over the beak and eyes, lying flat to the cheeks, meeting perfectly and regularly from the beak as far down as possible. The Mane must be arch-shaped, springing from the back in a thin, even line forming a junction with the hood. The carriage should be upright and showy, head slightly thrown back.

Old Dutch Capuchine



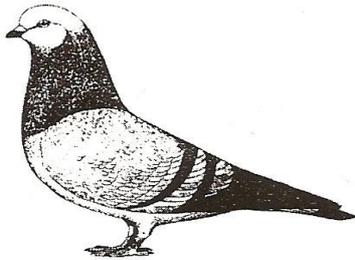
The Old Dutch Capuchine is a graceful, medium small sized bird, medium high with a horizontally carried body. Short, broad between the shoulders, gradually tapering off towards the tail. A vertical line dropped from the center of the eye should locate about 30mm in front of the leg. The hoods should be upright and broad with as many feather layers as possible. The mane must blend with the chain below the rosette. The chain must run in an unbroken line from the hood to the lower part of the shoulders to blend with the mane. On each side of the neck is a rosette set as low as possible.

Nun



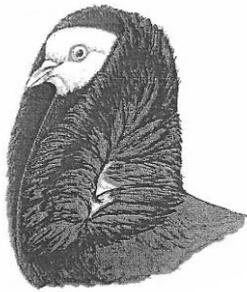
The Nun is a short, cobby, medium sized bird. Sprightly, upright in carriage with a well proportioned body and a large shell crest. The height of the cock is 240mm from the base of the foot to the top of the head, the length of the bird from front of the chest to the tip of the tail is 280mm. The head must be full in frontal with the forehead rising forward boldly above the beak. The crest must be as high, wide and possible, continuing equally on both sides until it meet the head on the same level as the beak. The 10 primary and secondary flights should be coloured, as well as the head and the bib.

Birmingham Roller



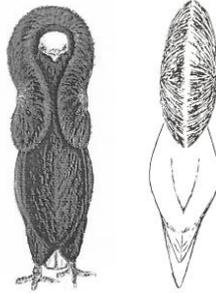
The Birmingham Roller is medium sized bird, short and wedge-shaped. The Cocks should measure 210mm from the back of the neck to the end of the tail, hens should be 200mm. The keel should be of medium depth directly below the wing butts and should, with a gradual upward sweep, meet the vent bones. The body plumage must have a rich silky texture and must be as dense as possible. The spread, open wing should show strong springy secondary and primary feathers with good width of webbing. Well developed wing muscles are required in order to perform when in flight.

Old Dutch Capuchine

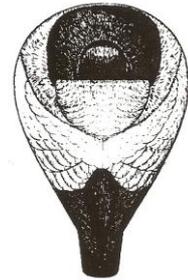


Jacobin

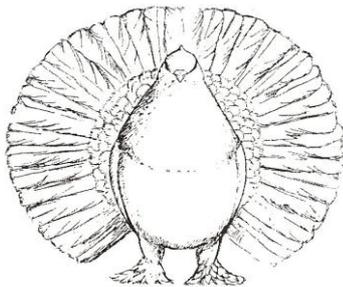
Front View Back View



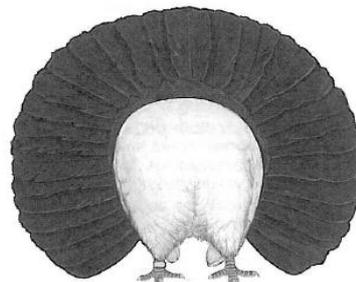
Nun - Top View



Indian Fantail - Front View



Fantail - Front View



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