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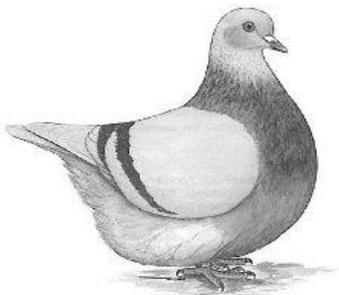
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Utility (Heavy) Breeds

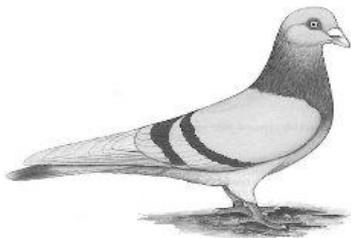
The birds in this group is bigger and heavier than most other breeds, but despite their size and weight, they breed quiet well. Every breed has its own characteristics and is judged accordingly. The Gros Mondain and King is the two breeds with the most fanciers in South Africa and they are popular according to the numbers that is exhibited at the shows.

Gros Mondain



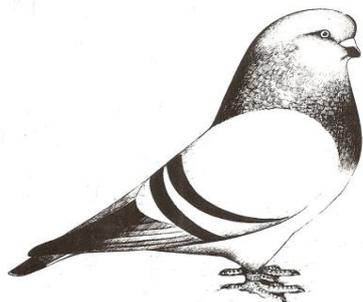
The Gros Mondain is large, broad and deep breasted, appearing very deep standing and short in the leg. The head is small in proportion to the body. The eye is orange to red, or dark eyes for white birds. The neck is medium in length, very full and wide from the body. The breast is extremely broad and deep, carried well forward. The back is not too long with a near horizontal top-line, slightly hollow and broad across the shoulders. The legs are short and strong with a broad stance. The thighs are hidden by the belly feathering. There is a lot of down-feathering (under feather). The weight must be at least 1000g.

Runt



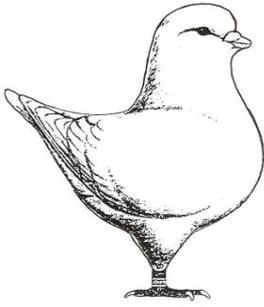
The Runt is the giant of the pigeons with a weight of 1000g and a wingspan of a 950-1200mm. The head is large, massive and dome shaped with a distinct stop in front, with the highest point over the eye. The eyes are white, but can be red or yellow. The neck is medium length and strong without a gullet. The breast is broad and full and the body must be as wide as possible at the shoulders. The back must be wide and long. The tail must be 190-210mm in length, 80-100mm in width and carried 60mm above the ground. The carriage is bold and commanding, head and chest well up.

American Giant Runt



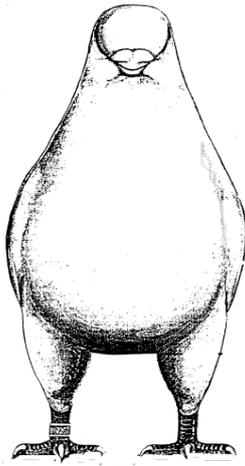
The body of the American Giant Runt is long, deep and extra full, very broad at the shoulders, but must be taper. The breast is very full and as much width as is needed to give the bird a chesty look. The oval shaped head must be large, massive and broad. The back of the skull should be well developed to give the bird a long head. The beak must be broad, fairly thick, showing strength and must be of medium length. The colour of the eye is bull in white birds and pearl in all other colours. The neck is medium size, free from a gullet and appearing broad and full towards the breast.

King

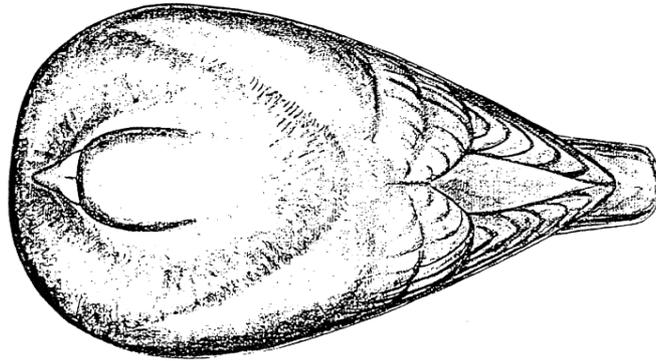


The King is short, broad, firm, moderately deep and well rounded. The breast is prominent, broad and well rounded, showing well beyond the wing butts. The King is 300mm in height, 240mm from the breast to the tip of the tail and the breast must be 140mm in width. The neck is moderately stout to balance with the broad shoulders and a well rounded body. The legs are straight and stout, in line with the back of the neck. The legs must be 66mm in length and should be 73mm apart. The weight of young kings are 794-964g and 850-1049g for adult birds.

King: Front- & Top View

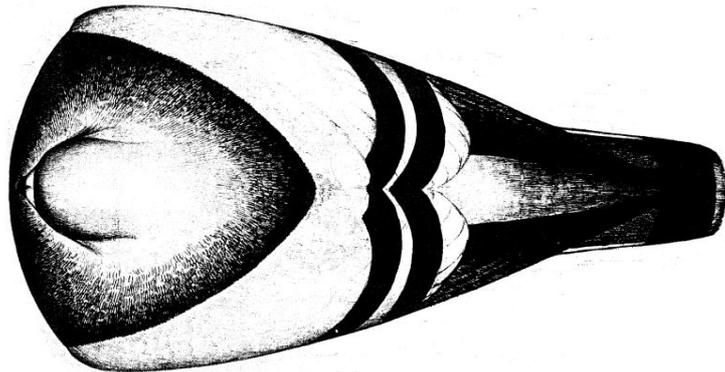
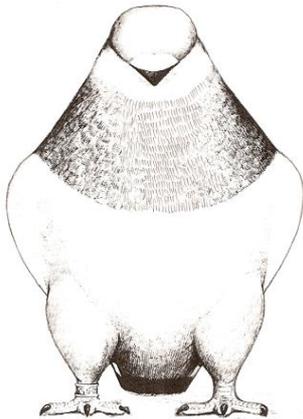


Height - 300mm
Width - 140mm



Length - 240mm

American Giant Runt: Front- & Top View



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