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Trumpeters, Toys & Swallows

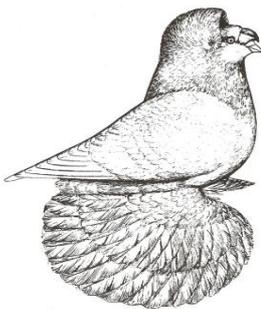
This group of birds is well represented in South Africa and consist mainly of the English Trumpeter, Bokhara Trumpeter, SA Toy, Fairy Swallow and Silician Swallow. The main characteristic of this group is their muffs. These birds breed fairly good, but during the breeding season, the muffs should be cut off in order for them to sit on the nest, without damaging the eggs or the trampling the babies. During the show season, the birds must be handled with care in order not to damage the muffs.

SA Toy



The body of the SA Toy is fairly long and wedge shaped. The head is slightly round, the frontal is broad, prominent and wide at the back of the skull to accommodate the crest. The crest is as high and wide as possible, with a dense mane where it meet the neck. The crest must be around the head, stretching from ear to ear, ending in a rosette on each side. The colour of the eye is pearl. The beak is fairly long and thin.

English Trumpeter



The body is short, coby and heart-shaped when viewed from the back. The heart-shape is created by the birds broad shoulders tapering to the tail. The crest must be as high and wide as possible. It is a semicircular outline, wrapping around the back of the head and extending both forward and outward just beyond, but not below the ear, ending in a prominent rosette. The tuft is a tassel shaped growth of feathers protruding from the front of the head towards the beak and curving over the wattle. The muffs shall consist of three layers of circular rows of feathers. The muffs shall have a round shape with a dense plumage.

Bokhara Trumpeter



The Bokhara Trumpeter is a large, full-bodied bird. The body is carried nearly horizontally with wide shoulders, a prominent full breast and must have a wedge shape when viewed from above. The rose is a crown of feathers emanating from a point slightly forward of the center of the skull and lying in all directions. The shell wraps around the entire head to the throat, immediately beneath the beak. The neck is short and slightly arched. The muffs are extremely long, exhibiting great width and massiveness. The hocks are long, full and densely feathered extending over the rear feathers of the muffs. The eyes are pearl colour.

Fairy Swallow



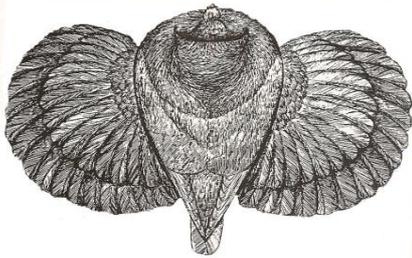
The body of the Swallow is strong, full, medium to low standing. The back is long, broad at the shoulders tapering to the tail and slightly sloping. The beak is 22mm long, the lower mandible is flesh coloured and the upper mandible is black or horn, depending on the colour of the bird. The crest must be around the back of the head, ending in rosettes. The spot on the head must be pear shaped, starting at the wattle and ending between the center of the eyes. The head, neck and body must be white, with a heart-shape of white feathers on the back.

Silician Swallow

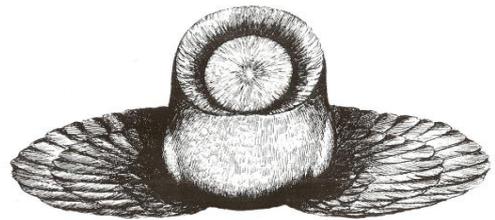


The Silician Swallow is a replica of the Fairy Swallow, except for the fact that the Silician Swallow has a plain head, without the crest. There is a number of colours to be found on the Swallows. Barred: Two bars with a width of 6,3 - 9,5mm, the bars must have a distinct narrow dark edging. Spangled: Ground colour on the wings must be a ratio of 1:1 with the spangling. The spangling is to appear as distinct triangles over the wing shield. Black spangles must have finch markings (white spots) on the tips of each primary flight.

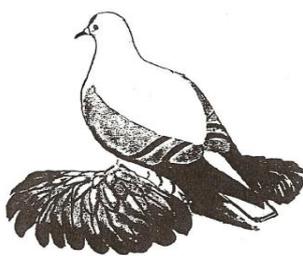
English Trumpeter - Top View



Bokhara Trumpeter - Front View



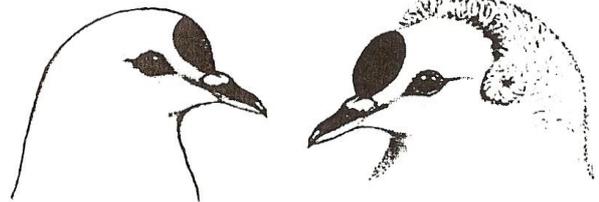
Swallow - Back View



Silician Swallow

Fairy Swallow

Head Marks



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