



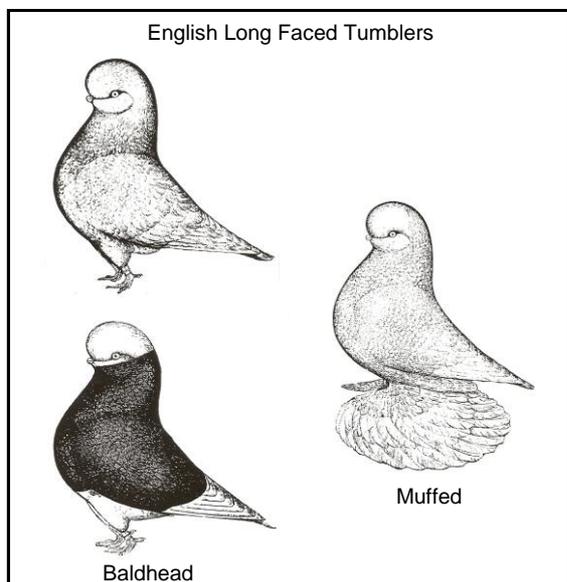
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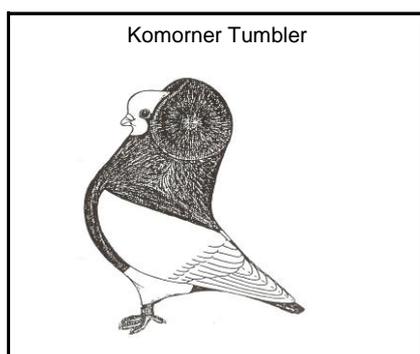
The Tumblers is one of the most popular groups of birds in South Africa. This group has the most breeds and some of these breeds are well represented at the shows. Most of the breeds are easy to breed, except for the breeds with the short beaks, who need feeders to raise their babies. Some of these breeds has a difficulty with fertility.



The English Long Faced Tumbler is a medium size bird which stand approximately 250mm tall. The head is as large as possible, round in profile, rising sharply with a forward sweep. The beak is short, thick at the base and thick in profile. The extended beak line must pass through the eye cere. The body is short and wedge shaped, with a broad, deep and well rounded chest. The carriage is sprightly, upright, bold and jaunty, the eye carried directly over the ball of the foot. The muffs on the Muffed Tumbler must form a half circle and meet the hocks without a break. The length of the feathers should be 125-150mm. On the Baldhead, the head must be white, as well as the under parts of the body, the tail and the 10 primary flights on each side. The white line should be 3mm beneath the eye.

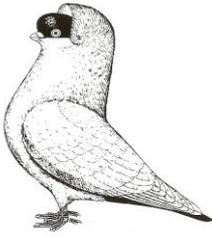


The English Short Faced Tumbler is a small bird, erect, active and dignified, with the head thrown well back to a line perpendicular with the feet. The rump is slightly raised to walk on the tips of the toes when showing. The head should rise perpendicularly from the root of the beak. It must be large, broad, lofty and round and as short as possible from the front to the back. The beak is short, fine, straight and pointed. The eye is pearl-coloured, large, bold, bright and prominent. The flights should be carried below the tail.



The Komorner Tumbler has a stout, short and wedge shaped body. The head is as large as possible, rising with a full round sweep from the beak to the top of the skull. The beak is short with close fitting mandibles. The neck is broad at the base, of medium length and tapered at the throat. The crest is shell shaped, broad and full, set high on the crown and reaching from ear to ear. The crest must end in rosettes which should be as large as possible. The eye must be bull in magpie marked birds, pearl in self coloured birds. The eye cere is red to orange.

Medium Faced Crested Helmet



The Helmet is a medium size bird with a length of 200mm and a weight of 227g. The breast should be 100mm in width, measured from the outside of the wings. The crest should be shell shaped and prominent, standing well above the head and be as thick and full as possible without hugging the skull. The crest must end on both sides of the head in rosettes. The basic colour of the bird is white, the tail is coloured as well as the head. The line of colour pass beneath the eye to end at the crest.

Vienna Long Faced Tumbler



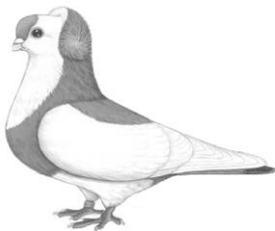
The Vienna Long Faced Tumbler is slim, high on the legs with a very high stance. The head is longish, slim and small with a oblique forehead. The top of the head is flat, the hind-skull coming to a peak at its highest point. The beak is medium length and thin, set in-line with the eye. The neck is long and thin, carried very upright and stretched. The breast is narrow, almost cylinder-shaped. The back is steeply sloping, narrow and rounded across. The legs are long, thin and straight.

Vienna Short Faced Tumbler



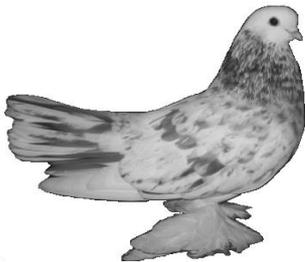
The Vienna Short Faced Tumbler is a small, delicate, but strong bird. The head is small, broad, short and high, cube-shaped. The forehead and the rear of the head must be equally vertical, the top of the head must be flat. The eye is large, milk-white with a bluish tint. The pupil must be small. The eye cere is flat and 2 or 3 ringed, reaching just under the top of the skull and rear of the beak corner. The pale flesh colour beak is horizontally set, short, thick and broad at the base. The neck is short. The legs are short and strong.

Felegyhazer Tumbler



The Felegyhazer is small to medium size, having a stout but neat compact body with a near horizontal carriage. The head is round in profile from the beak to the back of the neck. The flesh coloured beak is medium in length, broad at the base and set slightly downwards. The shell crest must be wide, full, thigh and upright, displaying rosettes. The head, inner side of the crest, the sides of neck, the belly, back and wings with the exception of the shoulder feathers and the front of the thighs must be white.

SA Botterneck Tumbler



The Botterneck is medium sized, short and compact. The cocks is 200mm in height and the hens 180mm. The beak is short and straight set. The colour of the eyes is pearl or dark. The flights must be carried beneath the tail. The tail must consist of a minimum of 14 feathers. The legs are medium length and must be covered with feathers. The muffs must be 50-100mm in length. The head must be white, the neck must be bronze coloured with white, blue and black feathers.

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