

Characteristics of Hungarian Guinea Fowl



Colour varieties of Hungarian landrace Guinea fowl (Gödöllő, 2000); Photo: István Szalay

Body weight: Male: 1.30–1.60 kg
Female: 1.20–1.40 kg

Head: Short and wide.

Beak: Short, strong, strongly curved, horn-coloured and red at the end.

Comb: Helmet-like, horny, red, triangular.

Face: Bluish-white, unfeathered.

Ear-lob: Fit to the face.

Eye: Large, dark brown.

Wattle: Short, thick, red, with a white spot in the middle.

Neck: Almost totally unfeathered under the head, with dark-bluish skin on males (lighter coloured on females). Thin, erected when the bird is disturbed. The lower part of the neck is well-feathered; the upper part is naked, covered with fine hair.

Trunk: Strong. The breast is large, round-shape and full. The back is wide, strongly dome-like and inclines backward.

Wing: Long, wide, fit to the body.

Tail: Short, points downwards. Feathers are longer inside (in the middle) than outside.

Shank and toes: Short, shank colour is reddish, males have no heel.

Plumage: Fit to the body. Beautiful, bluish-grey basic colour. White spots (pearls) are uniformly distributed all over the plumage. The neck plumage is usually darker-blue without spots. The basic colour of the white variant is pure white, with velvety, bright spots on the plumage.