



## Serama

**Origin:** Worldwide spread malaysian original bantam. Imported in the US in 2001 and a few years later into Europe by the Dutch.

**Gesamteindruck:** Very small, broad and compact bantam breed with a very typical and majestic carriage and an S-shaped profile between breast, neck and head. Very familiar and tame breed.

### Characteristics male:

**Rumpf:** short, broad and deep, sloping towards the tail.

**Neck:** medium length, curved backwards in an S-shape. Hackle very rich and reaching far beyond the shoulders.

**Back:** very short, broad, forming a V-shape with the neck and the tail when seen in profile.

**Shoulders:** broad and well-rounded.

**Wings:** large and long, carried vertically not quite touching the ground. Wing bows set somewhat aside the body and the tip of the wings somewhat curved inwards. Primaries of medium width and long, their tips not completely concealed by the secondaries.

**Saddle:** broad, abundant and und flowing well up the tail.

**Tail:** medium-sized and carried almost vertically. Main tail feathers broad and well spread, their length rising above the head, shaped like an upside down V when seen from behind. Main sickles long, broad, sword-shaped and only slightly curved; lesser sickles well spread, medium in length, the upper ones sword-shaped and the lesser ones slightly curved. The tail is allowed to touch the back of the comb but cannot tilt forward (squirrel tail).

**Breast:** carried high, very well developed, full, broad and well-rounded, carried well forward and reaching beyond the point of the beak.

**Abdomen:** short, well fluffed.

**Head:** small, carried somewhat backwards.

**Face:** small, rounded, fine in texture, red.

**Comb:** single, medium-sized, straight and upright, preferably with five regular and distinct points, of which the middle ones should have the same height as the width of the blade. The blade doesn't follow the curve of the neck.

**Wattles:** medium-sized, rounded, fine in texture.

**Earlobes:** small, oval, fitting closely; red, traces of white are permitted.

**Eyes:** big, lively, orange till reddish bay.

**Beak:** strong, slightly curved; the color corresponds with the color of the legs.

**Thighs:** rather short, strong, parallel to each other and set well apart.

**Legs:** medium in length so the wings can be carried vertically; smooth, evenly scaled; color see description of the color varieties.

**Toes:** four, straight, well spread and evenly scaled.

**Plumage:** full, well developed and smooth.

### Characteristics female:

Similar to those of the male besides the sexual differences.

**Back:** the line of the back is more shaped like a narrow "U". Saddle cushion well filled.

**Serious defects in breed characteristics:**

Big, stocky or small body; long back; narrow or flat breast; horizontal carriage; head-neck line to straight; short-legged; wings trailing, too horizontal or carried too much forward; tail carried low or tilted forward; strongly curved main sickles; coarse comb or wattles; mainly white earlobes.

**Colors:**

**Instruction** : When judging, defects in color and markings are only a reason for setback in birds of the same quality in shape. Color and markings are much less important than shape, carriage and breed characteristics.

**White:**

Pure white. In the male a little yellow sheen in the hackles of the male is permitted.  
Legs yellow.

**Serious defects** : strong yellow sheen; feathers of any other color.

**Black:**

Even deep black with green lustre. A few reddish or silverish feathers in the hackle of the male is permitted.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

**Serious defects** : a lot of red or silver in the hackle; strong decoloration; strong purple sheen.

**Blue:**

Grayish blue of a darker or lighter shade and more or less laced. Hackles and shoulders in the male are dark blue till blackish blue. A few reddish or silverish feathers in the hackle of the male are permitted.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

**Serious defects** : very uneven groundcolor; a lot of red or silver in the hackle; strong decoloration.

**Bronze:**

Deep brown with a bronze sheen, as even as possible. In the male the hackles and sickles are even more lustrous.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

**Serious defects** : very uneven groundcolor; lack of lustre; strong decoloration.

**Black mottled:**

Even deep black with green lustre. A few reddish or silverish feathers in the hackle of the male is permitted. Feathers with white tips or irregular white flecks. The markings in the male follow the sexlinked shape of the feathers. In the female the markings should be as evenly distributed as possible. Completely white flight or tail feathers permitted. The amount of white increases with age.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

**Serious defects** : lack of lustre; mainly white plumage in young birds.

**Blue mottled:**

Grayish blue of a darker or lighter shade and more or less laced. Hackles and shoulders in the male are dark blue till blackish blue. A few reddish or silverish feathers in the hackle of the male is permitted.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

Markings and defects like in black mottled.

**Bronze mottled:**

Deep brown with a bronze sheen, as even as possible.

Legs yellow, dark shade permitted.

Markings and defects like in black mottled.

**Wheaten:**

**MALE** : Head and hackles brown red with gold lacing and without black striping. Shoulders and back light reddish brown. Wing bars black with green or bluish green lustre. Primaries dull black with a narrow brown edge on the outer web. Secondaries with golden brown outer web (wing bay) and dull

black inner web. Breast, flanks, abdomen and lower thighs black. Tail black with green lustre; brown lacing in the lesser sickles.

**FEMALE** : Head and hackle reddish brown; a little bit of black in the lower part is permitted. Wing bay a little dark. Inner webs of flight feathers black. Back and wings wheaten. Breast, flanks, abdomen and lower thighs light wheaten. Tail greyish black with brownish sheen. Total image a little dark is permitted. Down color grey, wheaten permitted.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects**: in the male a lot of brown in the tail or breast; in the female very light groundcolor, a lot of stippling or pale lacing on back and wings.

**Silver wheaten:**

**MALE** : Head and hackles straw-yellow with a narrow silverish lacing and brownish striping in the lower part. Shoulders and back deep orange. Wing bars black with green or bluish green lustre. Primaries dull black with a narrow whitish edge on the outer web. Secondaries with yellowish white outer web (wing bay) with brownish edge permitted and dull black inner web. Breast, flanks, abdomen and lower thighs black. Tail black with green lustre; silverish lacing in the lesser sickles.

**FEMALE** : Head and hackle dull brown with silverish lacing; a little bit of dull black in the lower part is permitted. Inner webs of flight feathers black. Back, wings and wing bays wheaten. Breast, flanks, abdomen and lower thighs ivory colored. Tail greyish black with brownish sheen. Total image a little dark is permitted. Down color light grey, light wheaten permitted.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects**: in the male hackle too brown, too white or very uneven, a lot of silver in the tail or breast; in the female almost white groundcolor, lack of silver in the hackle, a lot of stippling or pale lacing on back and wings.

**Bronze wheaten:**

Like wheaten but all the black is replaced by a deep brown with bronze lustre.

**Bronze silver wheaten:**

Like silver wheaten but all the black is replaced by a deep brown with bronze lustre.

**Wheaten mottled:**

**MALE** : like wheaten but brown on the breast is permitted. Feathers with white tips or irregular white flecks. The markings in the male follows the sexlinked shape of the feathers. Completely white flight or tail feathers permitted. The amount of white increases with age.

**FEMALE** : groundcolor dark wheaten till brownish red, as even as possible. Inner webs of the flight feathers black. Tail greyish black with brownish sheen. Feathers with white tips or irregular white flecks. The white flecks are often placed on a black spangle. The total image as regular as possible. Completely white flight or tail feathers permitted. The amount of white increases with age.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects**: completely white wing bay; light hackles in the male; groundcolor too light in the female.

**Light wheaten mottled:**

**MALE** : like wheaten mottled but the hackles are lustrous reddish orange.

**FEMALE** : like wheaten mottled but with an as even as possible light yellowish wheaten groundcolor.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects**: completely white wing bay; dark hackles in the male; dark groundcolor in the female.

**Silver wheaten mottled:**

**MALE** : like silver wheaten but cream in the breast is permitted. Markings like wheaten mottled.

**FEMALE** : like wheaten mottled but with cream till light wheaten and as even as possible groundcolor.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects**: completely white wing bay; groundcolor too dark in the female.

**Bronze wheaten mottled:**

Like wheaten mottled but all the black is replaced by a deep brown with bronze lustre.

**Black-tailed buff:**

Head, neck and body even deep buff (a little more intense in the male). Flight feathers buff on the outer webs and black on the inner webs so that the closed wing appears to be buff. Main tail feathers black with a little hidden buff at the base. Main and lesser sickles black with ideally a narrow buff lacing. Down color light buff till light grey.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects** : black markings in the hackle; mainly buff tail; decoloration.

**Black-tailed red:**

MALE : markings like 'black-tailed buff'. A deep and even reddish brown groundcolor is looked for. The hackles and the shoulders are a little more intensely colored.

FEMALE : looks like a very red dark wheaten female.

Legs yellow.

**Serious defects** : black markings in the hackle; mainly red tail; decoloration; very irregular groundcolor in the female.

**Weight:** male up to 500g, female up to 425g.

**Minimum weight for hatching eggs:** 23g.

**Eggshell color:** beige till creamy white.

**Ringsize:** male 11, female 10.