# Elements of a Standard - Ducks

**Breed Name**

Breed description – General information regarding the history and origin of the breed.

**Economic Qualities**

General purpose of the breed, color of skin, color of egg.

**Disqualifications**

Breed specific disqualifications (if any, these may include colour DQs if there is only one standard variety), and a reference to the General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects

**Defects**

Include breed specific defects and the appropriate point cuts is needed.

**Standard Weight**

Standard weights listed for Old Drake, Old Duck, Young Drake and Young Duck. For bantam ducks to the nearest ounce, in all others to the nearest half pound.

**Shape – Duck and Drake**

Bill: Description of length width, details of the culmen and the junction of the head and bill.

Eye: Describe the size and way in which the eyes are set in the head.

Head: Size, shape, description of crown if required, general description of breed specific features.

Neck: Length, thickness, degree of arch.

Back: length, width, levelness at shoulders or general description of required.

Tail: Degree of elevation, description of length and feathers if required. Include male sex feathers in mallard derived breeds.

Wings: Length, description of wing carriage, describe placement or wingtips if required.

Breast: Width, description of shape, description of carriage.

Body (and Keel):

Body- length, description of depth, width and general impression. Include description or carriage using an angle above the horizontal where appropriate. Include description of feather characteristics if notable.

Keel- Length, shape, describe juncture with breast and stern, relation to body and ground.

Legs and Feet:

Lower Thighs- Length, degree of muscling

Shanks – Length, general description

Toes – Number, general description

\*Include descriptions of Crest and Station in the case of Crested Ducks and Indian Runner Ducks respectively.

**Variety Name**

**Disqualifications:** Variety Specific disqualifications if applicable, and reference to General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.

***For breeds/varieties where male and female have almost identical color descriptions:***

**Color – Duck and Drake**

Bill: Describe color, include bean color and markings where appropriate. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Eyes: Color

Shanks and Feet: Color, describe permitted variations in relation to sex and age. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Plumage: Description of colour, accounting for sex differences where required If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Additional sections may be added as needed to accurately describe color patterns. Select section titles from the sections used in the shape description.

***For breeds/varieties where the color pattern is shared with another breed where it is already described elsewhere in the standard.***

**Color – Duck and Drake**

Bill: Describe color, include bean color and markings where appropriate. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Eyes: Color

Shanks and Feet: Color, describe permitted variations in relation to sex and age. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Plumage: Refer to the breed/variety where the variety is described. Include page number.

***For breeds/varieties where male and female have different color descriptions:***

**Color – Drake**

Bill: Describe color, include bean color and markings where appropriate. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Eyes: Color

Head:

Neck:

Back:

Tail: Main Tail

Coverts-

Wings: Front and Bows –

Secondary Coverts-

Secondaries-

Speculum-

Primaries-

Tertials-

Coverts-

Underwing-

Breast:

Body:

Legs and Feet:

Lower Thighs-

Shanks and Toes-

Male Eclipse Plumage:

**Color – Duck**

Bill: Describe color, include bean color and markings where appropriate. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Eyes: Color

Head:

Neck:

Back:

Tail: Main Tail

Coverts-

Wings: Front and Bows –

Secondary Coverts-

Secondaries-

Speculum-

Primaries-

Tertials-

Coverts-

Underwing-

Breast:

Body:

Legs and Feet:

Lower Thighs-

Shanks and Toes-

\*Sections may be omitted, combined or added where required to condense or add detail.