

## Duck Breeds Registrar Scheme (updated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019)

The British Waterfowl Association has an expressed aim of preservation of breeds of domestic waterfowl and runs a Breeder of the Year award scheme, based on results in a number of regional shows. This includes the annual BWA Champion Waterfowl Exhibition.

It has become apparent over the years that most breeds of domestic waterfowl are represented at shows by very few breeders and exhibitors. Although there are probably many breeders who do not show, it is also true that the total number of birds representing the main waterfowl breeds must be numbered in hundreds, at most, rather than thousands. Comparing these figures with those for other categories of domestic animals on the RBST Watchlist, most would be classed as critical or endangered.

For those breeds which originate or are mainly located in the UK, it is particularly important to ensure their survival. Threats such as disease epidemics would make these breeds particularly vulnerable.

There will also be a problem of a very limited gene pool, with many breeders having closely related stock. It is often difficult to establish whether birds purchased are related to one's own stock.

In order to address this issue, the first step would be to get an idea of the actual numbers of each breed, to raise awareness of the situation for each breed and to encourage the promotion of these breeds in particular. The inclusion of waterfowl in the RBST Watchlist is therefore a vital step, hopefully towards encouraging breeding programmes to ensure the breeds are able to prosper.

If you keep and bred any of the breeds on the list below, and the registrars do not already know, please do contact them with the information on the questionnaire. Please rest assured that the information will be held in the strictest confidence.

Breed	Registrars	Telephone	Email address
Aylesbury	Tom Davis	07969 246455	<a href="mailto:tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk">tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Cayuga			Registrar needed
Rouen	Tom Davis	07969 246455	<a href="mailto:tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk">tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Silver Appleyard			Registrar needed
Abacot Ranger	Jackie Jarvis-Waller	01872 519208	<a href="mailto:jackiescakes@talktalk.net">jackiescakes@talktalk.net</a>
Buff Orpington			Registrar needed
Campbell	Clare Lovegrove	01531 650918	<a href="mailto:clare@pro-agri.co.uk">clare@pro-agri.co.uk</a>
Crested	Anthony Stanway	07929 658768	<a href="mailto:michellestanway2@gmail.com">michellestanway2@gmail.com</a>
Magpie	Colin Murton	01428 751408	<a href="mailto:colin.murton@btinternet.com">colin.murton@btinternet.com</a>
Pekin	Amber Buckpitt		<a href="mailto:albuckpitt@gmail.com">albuckpitt@gmail.com</a>
Welsh Harlequin	Bill & Linda Bowen	01948 841058	<a href="mailto:willindabowen@hotmail.co.uk">willindabowen@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Stanbridge White	Colin Murton	01428 751408	<a href="mailto:colin.murton@btinternet.com">colin.murton@btinternet.com</a>
Shetland	Audrey Snellgrove	01288 341105	<a href="mailto:audreysnellgrove@btinternet.com">audreysnellgrove@btinternet.com</a>
Black East Indian	Laura Ewan & David Kay	07951 735599	None
Silver Bantam	M D & R M Mayers	01978 790554	<a href="mailto:rachel.mayers28@hotmail.com">rachel.mayers28@hotmail.com</a>
Min Silver Appleyard	M D & R M Mayers	01978 790554	<a href="mailto:rachel.mayers28@hotmail.com">rachel.mayers28@hotmail.com</a>

German Pekins have been added to the RBST Watchlist due to their scarcity in Germany as well as the UK, and the fact that they are significantly different from the US standard. I am delighted to announce that Amber Buckpitt has agreed to take on the role of registrar for this breed.

If you feel you would like to take on the role for one or more of these breeds which currently need a registrar, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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