

Birchen Marans - MCCUSA Proposed Standard



Standard of Perfection - MALE

Disqualifications: Mulberry combs and wattles.

(See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

Comb, Face, Wattles, & Ear-Lobes: Bright red.

Beak: Horn, black shading permitted

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: Silver with no red, gold or yellow

Neck: Hackle : Hackle: Silver with no red, gold or yellow. Some feathers, especially in the lower hackle, may include a narrow dark stripe through the middle of each feather terminating in a point near its lower extremity.

Front of neck: Same as breast.

Body & Stern: Black

Breast: Upper Breast: basic black, each feather finely laced with white from throat to middle of breast.

Lower: Black with some luster

Back: Silver with no red, gold or yellow, with some luster.

Saddle : Silver with no red, gold or yellow with slender black stripe through middle of each feather terminating in a point short of its lower extremity, to match hackle.

Wings: Shoulders: Black
Coverts: Lustrous black forming a distinct bar across wing
Secondaries: Black, exposed portion forming black wing bay

Bows: Silver with no red, gold or yellow and some luster
Primaries: Black

Tail: Main Tail: Black with slight luster

Sickles and Coverts: Black with brilliant green sheen

Legs & Toes:

Lower Thighs: Black.

Shank and Toe Feathers : Black

Shanks and Toes: Light to mid-slate, not black but may show pink in between the scales. Bottoms of feet pinkish white.

Under-color: Light slate. Very light in hackle and saddle.

Standard of Perfection - FEMALE

Disqualifications: Mulberry Comb and Wattles. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

Comb, Face, Wattles, & Ear-Lobes: Bright red.

Beak: Dark horn.

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: Silver with no red, gold or yellow

Neck: Hackle: Silver with a narrow dark stripe through the middle of each feather, terminating to a point near its lower extremity.

Front of Neck: Same as breast

Breast: Upper Breast: Basic black, each feather finely laced with white from throat to middle of breast.

Lower: Black.

Wings: Shoulders, Fronts and Bows: Black
Primaries: Dull Black

Coverts: Black with some luster.
Secondaries: Black, exposed portion forming black wing bay

Back: Black with some luster

Tail: two top main feathers rich wheaten, slightly stippled with black.
Balance of main tail feathers dull black, outer web, slightly edged with wheaten

Legs & Toes:

Lower Thighs: Black.

Shanks and Toes: Dark slate, bottoms of feet pinkish white
Shank and Toe Feathers: Black