

Columbian Marans - MCCUSA Proposed Standard



Standard of Perfection - MALE

Disqualifications: One or more solid black or brown feathers on surface or back or breast; dark spots or mossiness in surface of back or saddle appearing in approximately 15 percent of feathers of this section, except narrow black stripes extending to not over two thirds the length of the feather and near tail of male, or dark markings in cape of either sex; red feathers in plumage. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

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

Beak: Horn with some black shading permitted

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: White with some luster

Neck: Hackle: Surface of feather, lustrous greenish black, with a narrow lacing of silvery white; nearly all fluff and shaft, black, with some white at juncture of quill with skin.

Front of neck: White

Breast: White

Cape: Black and white.

Back: Silvery white

Saddle : Surface of feather white with lustrous black stripe extending down middle of each feather, tapering to a point near its lower extremity. The black in saddle feathers adjoining back is approximately one half the length of the surface feather. As the feathers approach the upper saddle, adjoining the tail coverts, this black strip gradually increases to approximately two thirds the length of the surface feather. There is a clear patch of white between the fluff and the beginning of the black stripe.

Body and Stern: White except under wings where it may be tinted with slaty blue.

Wings: Shoulders and Fronts: White with some black acceptable
Primaries: Black with white border on lower edge of lower web.

Bows and Coverts: White
Secondaries: Black, upper web laced with white, exposed portion of lower web forming white wing bay.

Tail: Main Tail: Black with slight luster
Coverts: Lustrous green black laced with silvery white.

Sickles: Lustrous greenish black

Legs & Toes: White; bottoms of feet pinkish

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

Standard of Perfection - FEMALE

Disqualifications: One or more solid black or brown feathers on surface or back or breast; dark spots or mossiness in surface of back or saddle appearing in approximately 15 percent of feathers of this section, except narrow black stripes extending to not over two thirds the length of the feather and near tail of male, or dark markings in cape of either sex; red feathers in plumage. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

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

Beak: Horn with some black shading permitted

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: White with some luster

Neck: Hackle: Surface of feather, lustrous greenish black, with a narrow lacing of silvery white; nearly all fluff and shaft, black, with some white at juncture of quill with skin.

Front of neck: White

Breast: White

Cape: Black and white.

Back: Silvery white

Saddle : Surface of feather white with lustrous black stripe extending down middle of each feather, tapering to a point near its lower extremity. The black in saddle feathers adjoining back is approximately one half the length of the surface feather. As the feathers approach the upper saddle, adjoining the tail coverts, this black strip gradually increases to approximately two thirds the length of the surface feather. There is a clear patch of white between the fluff and the beginning of the black stripe.

Body and Stern: White except under wings where it may be tinted with slaty blue.

Wings: Shoulders, Bows and Coverts: White
Secondaries: Black, upper web laced with white, exposed portion of lower web forming white wing bay.

Primaries: Black with white border on lower edge of lower web.

Tail: Main Tail: Black except two top feathers, which should be finely laced with white.

Coverts: Lustrous green black laced with narrow white.

Legs & Toes: White; Light slate with pinkish color showing between scaeles; bottoms of feet pinkish

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