Wheaten Marans - MCCUSA Standard

The Wheaten variety was accepted by the American Poultry Association in October 2012 at the Crossroads Show, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Standard of Perfection - MALE

Disqualifications: Spotted Breast. Black or no triangular wing bays at all.
(See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

Wheaten cocks are black, with a coppery-red coat, and so looking like the Black Copper cocks except as for the triangular wing mirror which is brown.

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

Ear Down: Brown

Beak: Light horn shading to white at tip.

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: Light orange, free from dark feathers.....
(varying from golden-red to brown-red)

Neck: Hackle : Hackle: Light orange, free from dark feathers.....
(varying from golden-red to brown-red)

Front of neck: Black.

Front of neck : Black with markings of deep copper.

Back: Mahogany red.

Saddle : Mahogany red color matching the hackles

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

Breast: Black

Body & Stern: Black

Wings: Shoulders : Strong mahogany red
Coverts: Lustrous black forming a bluish black armband.
Secondaries : Brown with internal black barbs forms a brown triangular wing bay.

Bows : Strong mahogany red to match back
Primaries: Black, edged in brown.

Tail: Main Tail: Black with reddish cast.

Sickles and Coverts: Black with glints of beetle green

Legs & Toes:
Lower Thighs: Black.
Shank and Toe Feathers : Black

Shanks and Toes: Dark slate, bottoms of feet pinkish white.

Standard of Perfection - FEMALE

Disqualifications: Washed off back colors. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

The hens coat is a dark wheat color (the color of the grains of wheat). Each feather has a lighter staff and edge. Head and hackles are a rich wheaten color. The breast is wheaten and the underside of the body is a medium wheaten color. The secondary color is whitish.

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

Ear Down: Brown

Beak: Dark horn.

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Head: Lustrous rich wheaten.

Neck: Hackle: Lustrous rich wheaten

Front of Neck: Wheaten

Breast: Wheaten

Body & Stern:Medium Wheaten

Wings: Fronts, bows and coverts wheaten
Secondaries: outer web, wheaten; inner web, ashy wheaten shaded with brownish black.

Primaries: outer web medium shade of wheaten; inner web, ashy wheaten stippled with brownish black.

Back: Dark wheaten

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 : Creamy wheaten feathering down the out-side of the leg and outer toe

Under-color: Varying from light wheaten to slate