

SICILIAN HORNETS

ORIGIN - MEDITERRANEAN

CLASSIFICATION - LIGHT BREED SOFT FEATHER

EGG COLOUR - WHITE

A breed unique on account of horn shaped comb, having evolved without human intervention on the Isle of Sicily. Developed in Australia between 2005 - 2012.

MALE CHARACTERISTICS

COMB - V-shaped; Medium to large (Homozygous) and beginning at the nostrils with single leader rising to devils shaped horns, set firmly on the centre of the skull free from obvious spikes before or after horns. **BEAK** - medium length good proportion for head. **NOSTRILS** - wide cavernous. **EYES** - oval keen and alert. **WATTLE** - smooth, rounded, of fine texture. **EARLOBES** - smooth, medium to large round/oval - white. **HEAD** and face - skull symmetrical free of tufts. Bright, free of stubby hairs. **NECK** - elegant medium to long with hackles well over shoulders. **LEGS** and feet - of good length, thighs well apart, **SHANKS** - slender free of feathers or tufts. **TOES** - four, straight and spreading. **BACK** - Medium to broad, tight and strong. **SHOULDERS** - moderately broad, narrow saddle, full rounded breast. **TAIL** - large rounded with long main feathers carried at 45 degrees. Fitted with well curved sickles and abundant coverts. **WINGS** - long and closely tucked. **STANCE** - proud, alert and tall. **BODY** - racy, moderately broad. **COLOURS** - as in buttercups, gold or brown.

FEMALE CHARACTERISTICS

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male allowing for the natural sexual differences. The comb is smaller and lower in proportion.

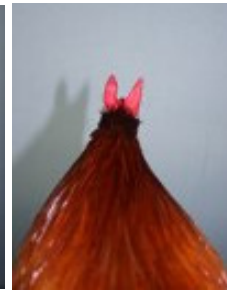
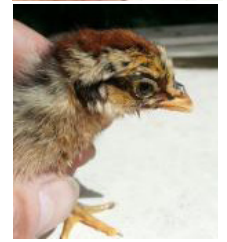
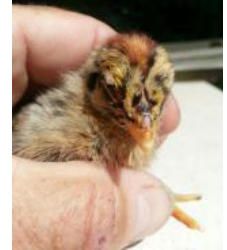
COLOURS

GOLDEN

Male Plumage: Neck, hackle, black, saddle, dark buff marked with distinct black spangles and covered by hackle. Wing bar: an even shade of red-bay. Primaries: black, lower web edged with bay. Secondaries: red-bay on outer web, black on inner. Breast red-bay. Body light bay. Fluff: rich bay shading to light bay on stern and some feathers on the body fluff having distinct black spangles. Tail: black, sickles and coverts green-black, the former showing red-bay at their base and the coverts edged with red-bay.



Sicilian Hornet Male - by Frank Pytellek



Female Plumage: Hackle lustrous golden-buff. Breast and thighs: light gold buff, plain from throat to mid breast, elsewhere with black spangles. Tail: dull black, except the two top feathers mottled with buff. Black, saddle, tail, coverts wing bow and wing bar: golden buff with parallel rows of elongated black spangles, each spangle extending slightly diagonally across the web; quill and edge of feathers golden-buff. Primaries: black edge with buff. Secondaries: golden-buff regularly barred with black on outer web, black on inner web.

BROWN: As in Leghorns.

WEIGHTS

FOWLS

Male 2.70 - 3.20kg (6 - 7 lb)
Female 2.25 - 2.70kg (5 - 6 lb)

BANTAMS

Male 910 - 1020 g (32 - 36 oz)
Female 740 - 850 g (26 - 30 oz)

SCALE OF POINTS

Head.....	30
Colour.....	25
Type.....	20
Size.....	10
Legs and feet.....	10
Condition.....	5
TOTAL.....	100

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Any sprigs or spikes in or around horns (or cavity) of males's comb. Any indication of sprig spike in horns (or cavity) of female's comb. Shanks other than green. Feathers or stubs on shanks or toes. Any deformity. In the Golden variety: solid white in any part of the plumage, except under colour, or black striping in the male's hackles. See also list of General Disqualifications and Serious Defects.