

Duck Breeds Registrar Scheme

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	tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk
Cayuga	Marcus Walker	07966 207513	marcuswalkerjoinery@hotmail.com
Rouen	Tom Davis	07969 246455	tom-davis001@hotmail.co.uk
Silver Appleyard	Marcus Walker	07966 207513	marcuswalkerjoinery@hotmail.com
Abacot Ranger	Clare Lovegrove	01531 650918	clare@pro-agri.co.uk
Buff Orpington	Marcus Walker	07966 207513	marcuswalkerjoinery@hotmail.com
Campbell	Clare Lovegrove	01531 650918	clare@pro-agri.co.uk
Crested	Anthony Stanway	07929 658768	michellestanway2@gmail.com
Magpie	Colin Murton	01428 751408	colin.murton@btinternet.com
Welsh Harlequin	Bill & Linda Bowen	01948 841058	willindabowen@hotmail.co.uk
Stanbridge White	Colin Murton	01428 751408	colin.murton@btinternet.com
Shetland	Audrey Snellgove	01288 341105	audreysnellgove@btinternet.com
Black East Indian	Laura Ewan & David Kay	07951 735599	None
Silver Bantam	M D & R M Mayers	01978 790554	rachel.mayers28@hotmail.com

WATCHLIST DUCK SURVEY: Breed

1. Your name

2. Your address

3. How many of this breed do you keep?

4. How many breeding pens do you usually set up?

5. When did you first keep this breed?

6. Who have you obtained stock from? (Please give as many names as appropriate)

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7. Do you know of any other breeders of this breed?

If so, can you give contact details?

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8. Do you ever have surplus stock? Yes/no

9. Would you be willing to offer birds for sale via the breed register? If yes, how would you prefer to be contacted – phone or email? (please supply phone number or email address as appropriate)

10. Like a lot of groups, we are on a very tight budget, so to keep costs down, are you happy if we contact you by email? Yes/No. (If yes, please supply email address)

11. Please include any information that you believe may be of interest in connection with this survey.

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12. Are you a member of any of the following:

Rare Breed Survival Trust Yes/No

British Waterfowl Association Yes/No

Domestic Waterfowl Club Yes/No

More information can be found on the following websites:

Rare Breed Survival Trust www.rarebreedsurvivaltrust.com

British Waterfowl Association www.waterfowl.org.uk

Name of Registrar:

Contact details of registrar: