

## Standard for Nuremburg Swallow Pigeons



**Homeland:** Southern Germany, Franconia and Franken.

**General Appearance:** A lengthy, reaching out, robust field pigeon, with a somewhat deep or squatty stance.

### General Characteristics

**Head:** More longish than round. The forehead rises in a steep arch from the wattle and from there running flat or horizontally in profile to the shell crest. The shell crest should lie forward, not too deeply and have a well formed rosette on either side

**Eyes:** Dark with narrow red cere

**Beak:** Medium length, but not too powerful, lightly bent at the point. Flesh colored for reds and yellows. The upper beak should be black for blacks and blues, and horn-colored for silvers. The lower beak should always be flesh colored.

**Neck:** Medium length, but not too powerful, lightly bent at the point. Flesh colored for reds and yellows. The upper beak should be black for blacks and blues, and horn-colored for silvers. The lower beak should always be flesh colored.

**Breast:** Broad, nicely rounded.

**Back:** Broad, long and slightly tapered

**Wings:** Long with the primaries lightly resting upon the tail

**Tail:** Closed and extending slightly beyond the flight tips

**Legs and feet:** Thickly feathered with shortish feathers, the approximate length of foot plumage being 3 to 5 cm. The white hock feathers must be strong and enough to be visibly obvious.

**Feathers:** Long feathers, well developed, grease quills allowed on red, yellow, and blacks.

**Color:** Black, yellow, red, blue barless, black bar, and check. Silver barless dun bar and check.

**Color and Markings:** The ground color is pure white. Only the wing, foot feathers, and head marking (including a small line of color running from between the mouth of the beak and the eye, backwards to the eye, commonly known as a whisker marking) are colored. The saddle marking should be broad and long and pure white. The plumage must be smooth with deep, lustrous colored areas. Grease quills should be evident on both sides of the body toward the tail.

**Faults:** Dull color lacking grease quills. Off colored beaks and eyes. Poor crest. Poorly colored under wings on blacks, reds, and yellows. Too thinly or weakly feathered. Colored hock feathers. Foot feathers too long. Head marking not complete.