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## RARE BREEDS TRUST OF AUSTRALIA

### POULTRY CENSUS 2024

#### KEY DATES

- Census period 1 May – 30 June 2024.
- Submissions by close of business 1 July 2024.

#### ABOUT THE POULTRY CENSUS

The Rare Breeds Trust of Australia collects data submitted voluntarily by Australian poultry breeders on their breeding age **pure breed** poultry. Data collected includes breeds in the APS, recently imported pure breeds, pure breeds known to be in Australia without a current Australian standard, and heritage breeds.

*“As Patron of the Rare Breeds Trust of Australia I ask you all to complete the poultry census for this year. Completing this will be the very best way to get a picture of poultry and waterfowl in Australia. Your details can be submitted anonymously. At the end when all details are collated any personal reference will be deleted. I do hope that you can assist with this.” Michael Peel, Patron, Rare Breeds Trust of Australia. Peel Ridge Stud.*

#### WHY COLLECT THE DATA

The data collected provides a snapshot of what breeds are most at risk in this country. This enables relevant individuals and poultry associations to plan actions that promote uptake of those breeds and varieties as relevant. Rare breeds are important for maintaining diversity in the face of commercialisation and hybridisation of food-producing species. They are also important for maintaining diversity in breed characteristics such as thriftiness, heat or cold hardiness, setters and non-setters, etc. The data is also helpful for poultry associations in identifying breed numbers for the purpose of show schedules, judging advice, and potential need for standards development.

#### THE RARE CATEGORIES

- **Critical** – Less than 100 breeding birds
- **Endangered** – Less than 200 breeding birds
- **Vulnerable** – Less than 300 breeding birds
- **At Risk** – Less than 500 breeding birds

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

***The Census is completely voluntary and is conducted as an opt-in survey.*** Provision of your name and email is optional. PICs are not requested. Any supplied emails are only used to communicate with the respondent during the data entry process to clarify any supplied information. Any personal details are destroyed once the accuracy of data entry is confirmed. Names and emails are not provided to any third party at any time. Submissions may be posted to the address on the Submission Form without including personal details or a return address. Finalised, completely de-identified data, is made available publicly through the Rare Breeds Trust of Australia website. The Trust also provides the completely de-identified data to rare breed associations in Australia, and state and national poultry associations. The Trust uses the de-identified data to create its Poultry Conservation Watchlist and may also use the de-identified data for rare breeds promotion wherever appropriate. The Rare Breeds Trust of Australia is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation. It does not report to government other than for its annual financial reporting obligations to the ACNC. The RBTA receives no government funding and is not associated with any government agency.

## MAKING A SUBMISSION

1

**LOOK UP the Census Schedule to find the relevant Census Codes.** You are going to use these codes for your Submission(s). The Schedule is laid out like a Show Schedule. Think of the codes like class numbers. You'll find sections for Hardfeather Large and Bantam, Softfeather Large and Bantam, Ducks, Turkeys and Guinea Fowl. The codes help us make sure we enter the data correctly. The Schedule can be downloaded from the **2024 Poultry Census menu item on our website at <https://rarebreedstrust.com.au>**.

2

**NOT ON THE CENSUS SCHEDULE?** You will still be able submit pure breeds not listed in the Census Schedule. Use the breed name generally accepted by other breeders - but please don't include cross breeds or cross breeds with common names such as Easter Egger.

3

**DOWNLOAD THE SUBMISSION FORM.** You will find the Submission Form attached to the Census Schedule webpage as above. The Submission form is in both Word and PDF (use whatever suits you best). Need the documents emailed? Use the email below. **Alternatively** the Census Schedule webpage has links to make an **online submission**.

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**RECORD.** Enter each census code (or breed name if there isn't a code) plus its colour/variety on the Submission Form, and how many breeding age male and female birds for that entry. Include all the breeds, their colours and any specific varieties (comb, feathering, strains, etc) you have as separate entries. It is helpful if you do enter different colours and varieties as separate entries so we can analyse for rare colours and varieties.

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**SUBMIT** by close of business 1 July 2024. You can email the completed Submission form to [rbtapoultrycensus2024@gmail.com](mailto:rbtapoultrycensus2024@gmail.com) or post to RBTA Poultry Census PO Box 397 Berry NSW 2535.

Need help?

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### Note about Utility Strains of a Breed

If you have a *Utility Strain* of a pure breed, use the Census Code for the breed. You can then enter Utility Strain in the Colour/Variety section of the Census Submission form. Plus, you will be able to comment, if you wish, on the background of the Utility Strain you breed. A Utility Strain is a strain of a pure breed that has come about through selective breeding for its economic values, that is, significantly higher egg or meat production than would be expected from the breed in its "exhibition form". Some Utility Strains in Australia are likely to have their origins prior to the 1970s; some may have CSIRO used in the naming. Some may be used as parent birds in their pure form to create commercial hybrids. The *look* of a Utility Strain bird may differ to a larger or lesser degree from the exhibition *look* of the breed as set out in poultry standards. Utility Strains in Australia include Utility White Leghorns, Utility Australorps, Utility Light Sussex (Fred Hams), Utility New Hampshire and Utility Rhode Island (Red or White). There may be Utility strains of other pure breeds coming within the meaning of selectively bred for high production— these too may be noted in the Census as above.

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<sup>1</sup> You can check through the current RBTA rare breed listing at <https://rarebreedstrust.com.au/public/pages/poultry>

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