



THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY™

Conservation Priority Poultry Breeds 2020

Critical: Fewer than 500 breeding birds in the United States, with five or fewer primary breeding flocks (50 birds or more), and estimated global population less than 1,000.

Threatened: Fewer than 1,000 breeding birds in the United States, with seven or fewer primary breeding flocks, and estimated global population less than 5,000.

Watch: Fewer than 5,000 breeding birds in the United States, with ten or fewer primary breeding flocks, and estimated global population less than 10,000. Also included are breeds that present genetic or numerical concerns or have a limited geographic distribution.

Recovering: Breeds that were once listed in another category and have exceeded Watch category numbers but are still in need of monitoring.

Study: Breeds that are of genetic interest but either lack definition or lack genetic or historical documentation.

	Critical	Threatened	Watch	Recovering	Study
Chickens	Campine Crevecoeur Holland La Fleche Malay Modern Game Nankin Redcap Spanish Sultan Yokohama	Aseel Cubalaya Faverolles Houdan Icelandic Lakenvelder Old English Game Rhode Island White Russian Orloff Sebright Spitzhauben	Ancona Andalusian Buckeye Buttercup Catalana Chantecler Cornish Delaware Dominique Dorking Hamburg Java Jersey Giant Langshan Minorca New Hampshire Phoenix Polish Rhode Island Red – Non industrial Shamo Sumatra	Australorp Brahma Cochin Leghorn – Non-industrial Plymouth Rock Sussex	Araucana ¹ Manx Rumpy or Persian Rumpless Saipan
Ducks	Aylesbury Dutch Hookbill	Buff or Orpington Magpie Saxony Silver Appleyard	Ancona Campbell Cayuga Rouen – Non-industrial Swedish Welsh Harlequin	Runner or Indian Runner	Australian Spotted
Geese	Cotton Patch Roman Shetland Steinbacher	Pilgrim Pomeranian Sebastopol	African American Buff Chinese Toulouse (Dewlap)		Gray
Turkeys	Beltville Small White	Black Royal Palm White Holland	Bourbon Red Bronze Narragansett Slate All Other Varieties ²		

¹ Breed identity in poultry breeds is challenging. Many breeders of all kinds (exhibition, production, hatchery) are diligent in breeding standard-bred birds. Other breeders in each category resort to crossbreeding to achieve their goals, and yet promote their birds as standard-bred. The Livestock Conservancy is unable to validate each breeding program, but buyers are encouraged to ask if birds offered for sale are pure-bred and meet breed standards.

² Varieties that are distinct but not APA recognized include Chocolate, Jersey Buff, Midget White, Lavender, and a host of other distinct color varieties. Does not include broad-breasted varieties, because they are not endangered.