This breed originated in Australia although it was imported from England in the late 1890’s.

The breed was developed from crosses of Black Orpingtons crossed with Minorcas, Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns, and Langshans to create the ensuing breed.

They are an efficient dual-purpose breed known for being larger, stockier birds. The hens are capable of producing over 200 eggs a year.

They lay brown eggs, as denoted by the red colored earlobes.

They are a very cold hardy breed.

They are docile and quiet birds that are excellent for a backyard flock or children’s project.

They were accepted into the American Poultry Association in 1929.

They have a moderately large single comb.

The feathers are black in color, normally with a greenish or purplish sheen to the feathers.

The average Australorp cock weighs 8 1/2 lbs. The average hen weighs 6 1/2 lbs.