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Breed: Ancona
Varieties: Single Comb
(pictured) & Rose Comb
Class: Mediterranean

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- ✂ **The Ancona is named after the Italian province of Ancona, a port in Italy. The Ancona was first brought to America in 1888 from England.**
- ✂ **The single comb Ancona was admitted in to the American Poultry Association in 1898, followed by the rose comb variety which was admitted into the American Poultry Association in 1914.**
- ✂ **The Ancona may be found in largefowl and bantam sizes.**
- ✂ **The comb of the Ancona should have 5 distinct points. An Ancona female's comb should stand erect only in the front including the first point, then drop gradually down to one side, while the Male's comb should stand erect and taper from front to back.**
- ✂ **The Ancona is classified to have light/soft feathers, the feather should also have a "beetle-green" sheen to them even though they are black. At the tip of the Ancona's feathers there is a white V shape color pattern giving them their mottled look. The mottling allows for good camouflage.**
- ✂ **Ancona's have bright red wattles, combs and faces.**
- ✂ **The Ancona should also have white ear lobes, meaning that this breed lays white shelled eggs.**
- ✂ **The Ancona is a "Non-sitting fowl" meaning that they will not go broody. (Broodiness- desire to sit on, or incubate, the egg until it hatches.)**
- ✂ **The Ancona can lay 300 eggs for every 100 lbs. of food. Ancona's can lay 160/180 eggs per annum, even though it is considered to be more "Ornamental" in its use today.**
- ✂ **The average weight for an Ancona is: Cock 6lbs; Hen 4 1/2 lbs.**