

Trait or Characteristic		Cockerel		Pullet
		Heavy Breeds (Asian, American, English)	Mediterranean & Other Light Breeds	
Comb & Wattles		Comb early to turn <b>pink</b> . Later comb and wattles noticeably larger & redder	Comb early to turn <b>pink</b> . Later comb and wattles noticeably larger & redder	Comb and wattles usually remains <b>yellow</b> much longer
Feathering	EARLY	Still mostly <b>fluffy &amp; downy</b>	<b>Fairly quick</b> feather development	<b>Quick</b> feather development
	LATER SIGNS	Development <b>slow</b> and in <b>patches</b> . Some <b>bareness</b> at shoulders, back & wing bows	Development only <b>slightly slower</b> than pullets	<b>Even</b> development on back, chest, & thighs. Reaches complete feathering sooner
	FINAL CLUES	Development of long, pointed & shiny <b>hackle and saddle</b> feathers	Development of long, pointed & shiny <b>hackle and saddle</b> feathers	Feathers in hackle and saddle areas are <b>oval &amp; rounded</b>
Tail		<b>Stumpy, curved</b> ; slow to develop	<b>Curved</b> , but only slightly shorter and slower to develop than pullets	<b>Long</b> , straight; <b>quick</b> to develop
Legs		Long, <b>sturdy</b> ; <b>spurs</b> developing	Long, <b>sturdy</b> ; <b>spurs</b> developing	Short, <b>delicate</b>
Head		Larger & more <b>angular</b>	Larger & more <b>angular</b>	Small & <b>round</b>
Size		May be <b>larger</b> (perhaps shorter in length but stouter, more thickset) or becomes noticeably larger	Becomes noticeably <b>larger eventually</b>	Small, although may be longer
Posture		Upright & <b>erect</b>	Upright & <b>erect</b>	<b>Lower set</b>
Behavior		May be more alert, aggressive, & noisy; will emit pre-crowing chirps before <b>crowing</b>	May be more alert, aggressive, & noisy; will emit pre-crowing chirps before <b>crowing</b>	May be more docile, but can also be aggressive & noisy