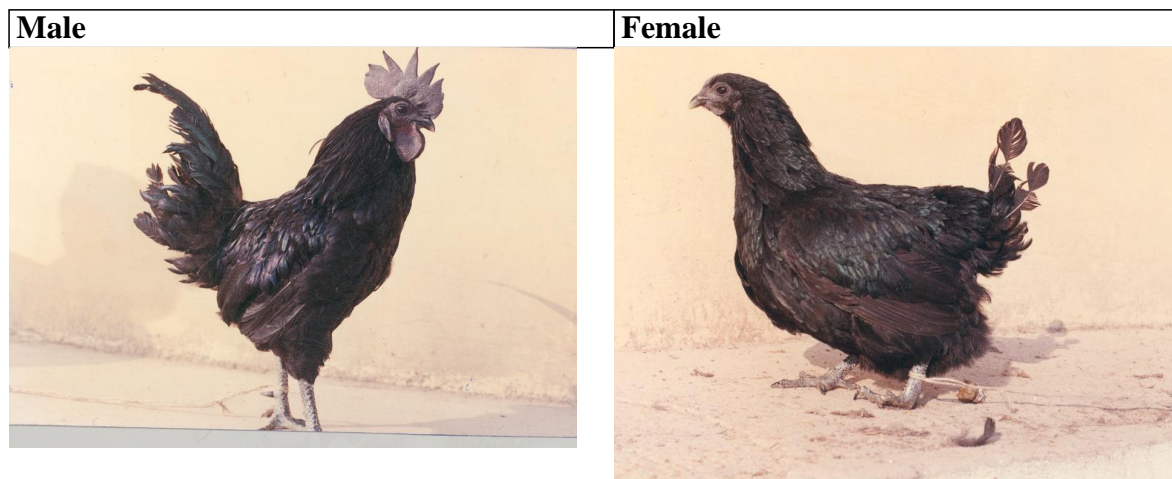


Breed Descriptor of Kadaknath (Poultry-Fowl)



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| Breeding Tract | | | |
| State: Madhya Pradesh | | Jhabua | |
| | | Dhar | |
| Location | | | |
| Longitude (deg.) | | . - . | |
| Latitude (deg.) | | . - . | |
| General Information | | | |
| Synonyms | | Kalamasi | |
| Origin | | The birds are reared by the tribals. | |
| Major utility | | Food - meat; Socio-cultural - religious ceremonies | |
| Comments on utility | | The black flesh is considered not only a delicacy but also of medicinal value. The tribals use Kadaknath blood in the treatment of chronic diseases in human beings and its meat as aphrodisiac. It si considered to be a sacred bird and offered to Goddess after Diwali | |
| Comments on breeding tract | | Jhabua and Dhar districts of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining districts of Rajasthan and Gujarat spreading over an area of about 800 sq miles is considered to be its home tract. | |
| Adaptability to environment | | | |
| Population | | | |
| | Year | Population | Other information |
| | | | |
| Management | | | |
| Management system | | Free ranging | |
| Mobility | | Stationary | |
| Feeding of adults | | Scavenging | |
| Comments on Management | | These birds are mostly reared by the tribals, adivasis and rural poor under free ranging system. People patronizing Kadaknath do not like to rear any other breed of chicken. | |
| Morphology | | | |
| | Male | Female | Overall |
| Adult weight(avg. kg) | 1.6 | 1.125 | |
| Plumage type | Normal | | |
| Plumage colour | Ranges from silver to gold spangled to blue balck | | |

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|-----------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Skin colour | Dark grey | | |
| Shank colour | Grey | | |
| Egg shell colour | Light Brown | | |
| Visible character | The colour of day old chicks is bluish to black with irregular dark stripes over the back. In the adults, comb, wattles and tongue are purple.The shining blue tinge of the ear lobes adds to its unique features. | | |
| Performance | | | |
| | Average | Minimum | Maximum |
| Annual eggs production (avg. no.) | 80.0 | | |
| Eggs weight (avg. gm) | 40.0 | | |
| Any Peculiarity of the breed | Most of the internal organs show the characteristic black pigmentation which is more pronounced in trachea, thorasic & abdominal air sacs, gonads, elastic arteries, at the base of the heart and mesentry. The black colour is due to the deposition of Melanin pigment. (Fibromelanosis). The meat and eggs are reckoned to be a rich source of protein and iron. Resistant to diseases in its natural habitat in free range but is more susceptible to Marek disease under intensive rearing conditions. | | |