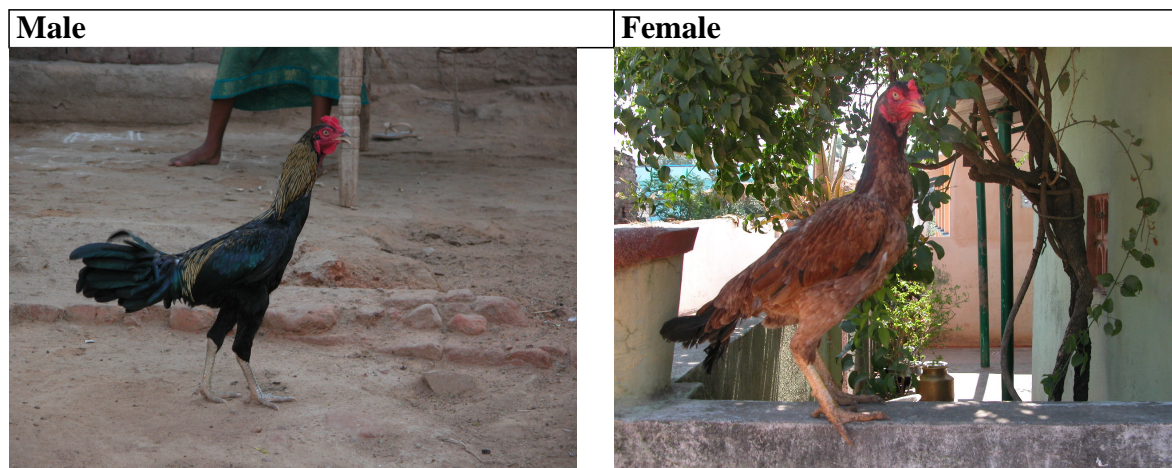


## Breed Descriptor of Kalasthi (Poultry-Fowl)



Breeding Tract			
State: Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor		
	Cuddapah		
	Nellore		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	. - .		
Latitude (deg.)	. - .		
General Information			
Synonyms			
Origin		This breed might have been named after the name of the area i.e. Sri Kalahasti in Chittoor district where these birds are found. However, in the breeding tract, the birds are known not by the name Kalasthi but as desi.	
Major utility		Food - meat, eggs	
Comments on utility		Cocks are occasionally used for fighting. The utility of these birds for egg production is very little.	
Comments on breeding tract			
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
Management			
Management system		Backyard	
Mobility		Stationary	
Feeding of adults		Scavenging	
Comments on Management		Average flock size ranges from 3 to 53. Housing of birds is open. Fighting cocks are kept individually under baskets. Scavenging with supplementation of kitchen waste is the most common feeding system. Birds are vaccinated against Fowl pox and Ranikhet. Brooding is a usual.	
Morphology			
	Male	Female	Overall
Adult weight(avg. kg)	2.48	1.85	

Plumage type	Normal		
Plumage pattern	Patchy		
Plumage colour	Bluish black		
Comb type	Pea or Single		
Skin colour	White or pinkish		
Shank colour	Grey		
Egg shell colour	Brown		
Visible character	Neck is long and is covered with golden feathers. Brown colored birds have dark brown feathers on neck and bluish black or dark brown on tail. Wings are dorsally set exposing thighs covered with smooth feathers.		
<b>Performance</b>			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first egg (months)	7.16	5.0	9.0
Annual eggs production (avg. no.)	34.0		
Eggs weight (avg. gm)	42.9	34.0	55.0
Hatching (%)	72.0	60.0	85.0
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Kalasthi birds resemble Danki birds except that they are smaller in size; peacock type bluish in colour and have smaller spur.		