**Breed Descriptor of Maithili (Poultry-Duck)**

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| Male | Female |
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| **Breeding Tract** |  |
| State: Bihar | Katihar |
|  | Kishanganj |
|  | Araria |
|  | Madhubani |
|  | Sitamarhi |
|  | Motihari |
| **Location** |  |
| Longitude (deg.) | 84.30 - 88.19 |
| Latitude (deg.) | 25.22 - 27.27 |
| **General Information** |  |
| Synonyms |  |
| Origin | Native |
| Major utility | Meat and Egg |
| Comments on utility |  |
| Comments on breeding tract | " |
| Adaptability to environment |  |

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| **Population** |  |  |  |
|  | Year | Population | Other information |
|  | 2014 | 46000 | Source:ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna (Institute project) |

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| **Management** |  |
| Management system | Semi-Intensive |
| Mobility | Stationary |
| Feeding of adults | Scavenging |
| Comments on Management | Ducks are raised under semi-intensive management system and mostly depend on scavenging for their nutritional needs. During day time they are kept on foraging and in the night they are housed in a small housed shelter. Some farmers provide partial feeding to their ducks with available ingredients besides scavenging. |

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| **Morphology** |  | | |
|  | Male | Female | Overall |
| Birth weight (avg. g.) |  |  | 36.0 |
| Adult weight(avg. kg) | 1.5 | 1.27 |  |
| Plumage type | Normal | | |
| Plumage pattern | Spotted | | |
| Plumage colour | Brown | | |
| Comb type | Select | | |
| Skin colour | White | | |
| Shank colour | Yellow | | |
| Egg shell colour | White | | |
| Visible character | Head is bright black to greenish black in drakes and brown in ducks. Tail is brown to black. Plumage pattern is mosaic. Circular spots on the feathers in ducks. Body carriage is slightly upright and bill shape is horizontal | | |

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| **Performance** |  | | |
|  | Average | Minimum | Maximum |
| Age at first egg (months) | 6.28 | 5.3 | 7.3 |
| Annual egg production (avg. no.) | 54.6 | 33.0 | 71.0 |
| Egg weight (avg. gm) | 49.53 | 46.0 | 53.0 |
| Fertility (%) | 63.7 | 44.0 | 78.0 |
| Hatching (%) | 45.0 | 32.0 | 58.0 |
| Dressing (%) | 65.0 | 56.0 | 77.0 |
| Any Peculiarity of the breed | 0 | | |