

# Sexing by color

At this time each year requests for information on color and its uses in determining the sex of squeakers are received.

It must be remembered that the sex of squeakers can only be decided with certainty when the hen of the breeding pair is red.

At no time will a true-colored red female ever produce a blue-colored male, no matter what the color of the sire.

This applies only to the real red, red checker, red pied, mealy, mealy pied, and red grizzle hens. The peculiar chocolate colors are not true red.

When the male is blue, this ranges from black checker, blue bars, down to blue colored grizzles, and the female is red all of the red colored produce are cocks and all of the blue colored offspring are hens.

When two red colored birds are mated together the red colored young are of both sexes, but all the blues are hens.

Sexes in both red and blue will result when the sire is red and the dam is blue, and this mating does not assist in sexing the young at all.

The red female factor is so consistent that if every hen used in the breeding loft was a true red, all of the blue squeakers hatched for the season would be hens with 100 per cent certainty.

It is also true that while blue bars will result from a mating of two blue checkers and mealies will come from two red checkers, at no time will blue checkers come from two blue bars, or

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red checkers from two mealies.

The novice will find much of interest in the study of color and if he keeps proper records during the breeding season, he will soon discover that all the pleasures derived from pigeons is not just from the racing of them.

If he ever finds that he has a young blue cock booked as a son of a red hen, he can take it for certain that his red hen did not lay the egg. He either made a book error himself in jotting down the wrong ring number or another hen, a blue one, laid her egg in the wrong nest.

Hens again showed their superiority in the 12 major SAHPA events this year when cocks took only 31 of the 240 places.

Nine of the 12 races were won by hens.

"The Advertiser" trophy for the best combined feat in the association's two long-distance races, Finke and Junee, was won by Elizabeth owner, A. McQuire.

The winner each year must be placed in both races, and the requirement to score in both makes the award probably the most difficult to win.

Of the 136 owners to contest the Finke event and the 157 who competed in Junee, only four qualified.

McQuire scored 25 points to win from Graham Bros. 19, K. Wickham (winner of the 1965 and 1966 awards) 15, and Bird and Rosser eight.

## PIGEON SALE

Due to the death of Mr. A. R. McLean of Anzac Highway, Plympton, the sale of his complete stock will be held in the S.A.P.A. hall on Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

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