

Araucana



<i>Origin:</i>	<i>Chile</i>
<i>Classification:</i>	<i>Light, Soft Feather</i>
<i>Egg Colour:</i>	<i>Blue or Green</i>
<i>Temperament:</i>	<i>Alert and active</i>
<i>Eggs per year:</i>	<i>120</i>



When the Spaniards arrived in South America, bringing with them the Light Mediterranean breeds, they found that the Indigenous Indians had domestic fowl which soon cross-bred with the incomers. Notable for their fierce resistance to the Spaniards, however, were the Indians of the Arauca province of Northern Chile who were never conquered. The name Araucana for the breed is derived therefore from that part of the world where the South American and European fowls had the least opportunity to interbreed. Araucanas are prolific layers of strong-shelled eggs, blue or green eggs having been reported from South America from the mid-sixteenth century onwards. These are unique in their colour permeates throughout the shell.