

INDIGENOUS HUNGARIAN POULTRY BREEDS IV



In 2022 Magyar Posta began releasing a new series called Indigenous Hungarian Poultry Breeds presenting different poultry breeds each year. In 2025, the series concludes with the White Hungarian Duck, the Spotted Hungarian Duck, the Hungarian Goose and the Frizzle-Feathered Hungarian Goose. The strip of four stamps was designed by the graphic designer Ágnes Berta and produced by the Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The new issue is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu.

The Hungarian Duck has been reared in Hungary for centuries, as it is cheap to keep due to the breed's undemanding nature, agility, foraging instinct, hardiness and reproductive capacity, in addition to which it has excellent meat and fine feathers. White and spotted varieties are the most common. In the case of the spotted variant, the female is rusty yellowish-brown with a slightly lighter band above the eye. The drake has a glossy dark green head, which is separated by a white collar in the middle of the neck from the brownish lower neck and breast. The back is brownish ash-grey, the belly and thighs greyish-white, and the upper tail feathers dark green. The plumage of the white colour variant is uniformly white with a yellow-coloured beak.

The Hungarian Goose is rightly considered an indigenous breed, as goose breeding was common in the Carpathian Basin as early as the 11th century. The Hungarian Goose occurs with plumage in varied colours – white, grey and spotted – as well as in a frizzle-feathered variant. The white colouring and body structure of the female is the same as that of the gander, yet there are minor differences. The female is somewhat shorter and thinner, and has a less curved neck, and a marginally deeper trunk. In the first half of the 1800s, a species of Frizzle-Feathered Goose appeared, whose popular traditional names – Turkish, Astrakhan, Sevastopol goose – suggest that it probably came from the east or south-east. The frizzle-feathered variety is likewise white in colour and differs from the Hungarian Goose only in its feather structure.

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The stamps in the strip show a duck and a drake of the following indigenous Hungarian poultry breeds: the White Hungarian Duck, the Spotted Hungarian Duck, the Hungarian Goose and the Frizzle-Feathered Hungarian Goose. The accompanying first day cover features a Frizzle-Feathered Hungarian Goose with her goslings, while the imprint of the special postmark on the first day cover shows a stylised drawing of a pair of Frizzle-Feathered Hungarian Geese.

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1,540

(On the date of issue, HUF 385 pays the postage of a domestic identified priority picture postcard, postcard or letter up to 50 g.)

Printing technique:

offset

Number of copies: 20,000

strips (40 stamps and 4 barcodes per sheet)

Perforated size:

40 x 30 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by

Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. (stamp), Codex Zrt. (FDC)

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