

## **BIRMINGHAM ROLLERS**

**General:** The Birmingham Roller is represented in a multitude of countries with numerous clubs and organizations devoted to the enjoyment and preservation of this awesome aerial acrobat. The largest club based in the United States is the National Birmingham Roller Club with over 2,000 members. Flying competitions normally consist of 20 birds. Velocity and depth of roll plus the collectivism of the kit are the main objectives. Worldwide, the popularity of the Roller is second only to that of the Racing Homer.

**Origin:** The Birmingham Roller was developed in and around Birmingham, England at the onset of the 19th century.

**Description:** The Birmingham Roller is a small, tightly feathered, alert, muscular marvel. It is strictly an air performer, whose standard was adopted in the 19th Century. A true Birmingham Roller does backward somersaults in a continuous and unbroken sequence with such rapidity that it resembles a spinning ball descending from the heavens. High velocity deep rollers are the goal of every breeder of Birmingham Rollers. Birmingham Rollers are nearly always without ornaments, but some strains do occasionally produce grouse-legged, or lightly muffed bird