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***Croad Langshans -***

***a big bird with lots of style***

LIFE HAS been outrageously busy since our last newsletter, so sorry it has been so long.

January and February were scorchers, and dryer than we had seen for some time. So we were relieved when the wet season began.

The trouble is, it's hardly stopped raining since – we've had nearly 700 mm in the past few months, which is around half our yearly average. Mud everywhere!

The great news is that the daylilies came through with flying colours. From drab dry leaves to green and budding in just a week. They are such tough plants.

I'm currently offering a special \$100 deal of your choice of colour combinations (red, orange, yellow, cream, pink or mauve). That's about 30-35 fans which I'll select for you. Or you can have 15 fans for \$50.

**You can order by ringing 1300 556 401 (local call cost).**

Now is an ideal time to plant daylily fans - they will root down well during the winter and be a lovely surprise in the spring.

### **CROAD LANGSHANS**

I've recently introduced an old favourite back into the poultry yard. Croad Langshans are a huge black/blue bird and very gentle. The cocks can be as tall as 75cm and weigh up to 7kg - probably one of the largest breeds in Australia. The hens will lay up to 200 nice big eggs a year.

The breed originated in the Langshan district on the Yangtse River in China. They were first brought to Britain in the early 1870's by Major F.T. Croad, although it was the Major's neice, Miss A. C. Croad, has been credited with establishing the breed as we now know it.

So far fertility is proving to be high, so watch out for our fertile egg newsletter later in the year.

My large Rhode Island Red had to go to make room for the Croads. The hens spent to long on the nest and didn't lay well over the Xmas period. My speckled sussex have also gone.

**Poultry fanciers please note** – we only sell live birds from the nursery. Fertile eggs are available by mail order from August to November.

Happy gardening

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