

COLOR CLASS

or

Identify horses on the range using the horse list
provided by Billie.

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Color Class

Body color

USGS Fort Collins Science Center

<https://www.fort.usgs.gov/sites/wild-horses/wild-horse-identification-body-color-and-markings>

Facial markings

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<https://www.fort.usgs.gov/sites/wild-horses/wild-horse-identification-facial-markings>

Leg markings

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<https://www.fort.usgs.gov/sites/wild-horses/wild-horse-identification-leg-markings>

Abbreviations

Miscellaneous Markings

Body Color

Black

Ruger



M. Felix

Raven



Raven

B. Diehl

Black/Brown

Eclipse



M. Felix

Seal brown: close to black but with lighter areas on muzzle, over the eyes, or on the flank

Sid



B. Hutchings

Brown

Silk



B. Diehl

Bay: reddish-brown colored coat with black points

Ragtail's Mare



M. Felix

Buckskin: yellowish coat
with black points

Josie



M. Felix

Dark Buckskin: yellowish coat
with black hairs mixed in and
black points

Legacy



B. Hutchings

Dun: reddish or yellowish-red bodies with brown, red or flaxen points and always with line down the back

Dazzle



M. Felix

Sorrel: red horse with
red mane and tail

Rimrock



Chestnut: red horse with darker
mane and tail

Jaggs



Palomino: yellow to gold coat with light manes and tails

Sir Tristan



Butterscotch



Grey: white hairs interspersed with colored body and point hairs; usually lighten with age

Poco



Mariah



Rojito



Cremello: cream colored coats which can appear white; pink skin; always have blue eyes

Cloud



M. Felix

Roan: mixture of white and colored hairs but the white hairs are limited to the body; base color is used to describe the roan

Red roan

Chipeta



M. Felix

Blue roan

Adobe



M Felix

Grulla: blue slate-colored horse with black points and a dark head; often appear black when very young or in the winter

Mystic



M. Felix

Appy

Blanket appy:
white blanket with spots
of colored hair

Varnish roan appy:
white hairs dispersed
over whole horse

Mocha

Sorrel appy

Traveler



Sabino: white patches either distinct no more than flecks of white; extensive white on head; high white stockings

Chestnut Sabino

Freedom



M. Felix

Lt. Chestnut Sabino

Margarita



M. Felix

Paint: irregular patches of solid white

Bay Paint

Medicine Bow



Sorrel Paint

Chrome



Buckskin Paint

Concho



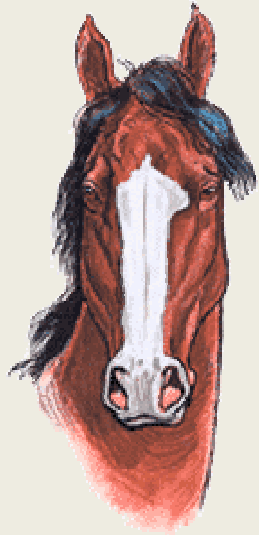
Overo: color pattern of pinto-colored horses; solid colored horse with random patches of white on the horse's sides



Tonkawa & Tundra

B. Diehl

Facial Markings



Blaze: Solid white mark from position of star to the snip and covering the full width of the nasal bones

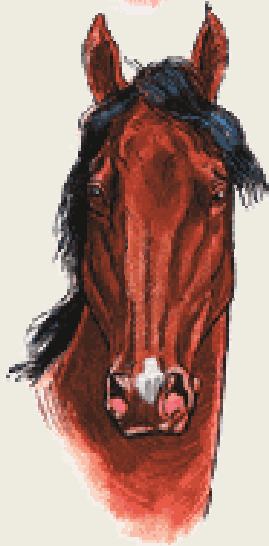


Star: Solid white mark on the forehead

Facial Markings



Strip: Narrow band of white running down the face approximately from the eyes to the nostrils; can be joined to the star or separate



Snip: White mark situated between or in the region of the nostrils

Facial Markings: Blazes

Blaze



M. Felix

Butterscotch

Wide blaze



M . Felix

Liberty

Apron blaze:
white includes upper &
lower lips



M . Felix

Freedom

Bald face: white extends to or
around both eyes & most of upper
lip is white



M. Felix

Destiny

Facial Markings: Blazes

Notched Blaze

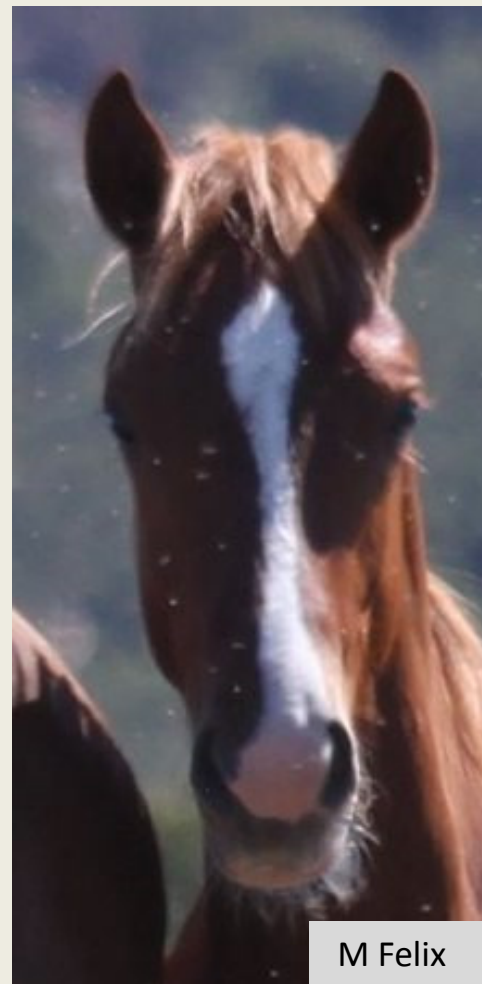
Sioux



M Felix

Thin Blaze

Skeeter



M Felix

Facial Markings: Stars

Faint Star



Crockett

M. Felix

Heart Star



Sweetheart

M. Felix

Fish Star



Fish

M. Felix

Facial Markings: Strips & Combinations

Strip

Whitewash



B. Hutchings

Star & Strip

Sandy



M. Felix

Sahara



M. Felix

Facial Markings: Strips & Combinations

Star & Strip & Snip

Dazzle



M. Felix

Kite



M. Felix

Star & ½ Strip & Snip

Jaggs



B. Diehl

Facial Markings: Snip & Smudge

Snip

Cat



M. Felix

Smudge

Raven



M. Felix

Facial Markings: Race

Race is a narrow strip that wanders off to one side

Star with a race

Tanner



B. Hutchings

Face Markings: Abbreviations

cnct = connected

star cnct strip

discnt = disconnected

star discnt strip

sm = small

sm star

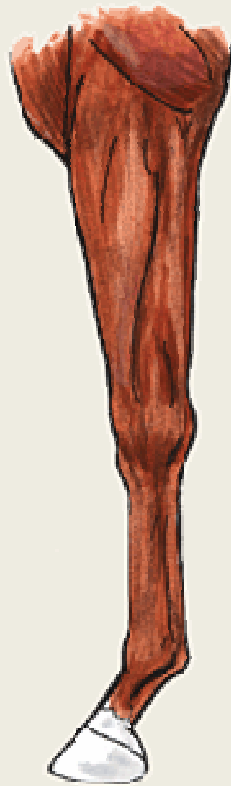
r = right

r eye blue

l = left

l eye missing

Leg Markings



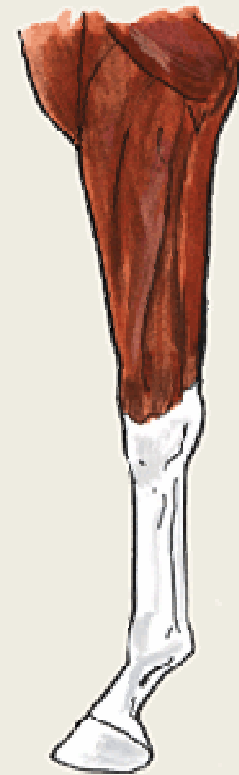
Coronet
just above
hoof



Pastern
stops below
fetlock



Sock
up to
knee



Stocking
includes or
above knee

Leg Markings

Coronet

Jolie



Pastern

Coquette



Leg Markings

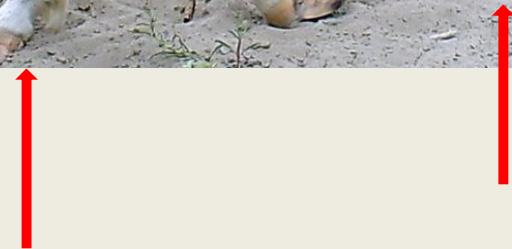
Sock

Inca



Stocking

Seneca



Leg Markings

Ermine spots are found within white leg markings and are the color of the horse's coat or points



Tiger stripes are horizontal stripes on the legs



Leg Markings: Abbreviations

c = coronet

lrc: left rear coronet

p = pastern

lrp: left rear pastern

s = sock

lrs: sock on the left rear leg

2rs: socks on both rear legs

stk = stocking

rfstk: stocking on right front leg

erm = ermine spots

Misc Markings

Missing eye, one eye blue

Frosted mane

Ear drooping, part of ear missing

Blonde in tail, flaxen mane and tail

Freezebrand or frzbrand

White belly spot

Hernia

White on left muzzle

TEST



Identify this Horse

Boone	Stallion	Black	star, connected strip, lrs, rrp	Nike	Reno	2001 MC	
Sweetheart	Mare	Black	heart star, lfp, erm, rfs, erm, lrs	Howdy's OM	Howdy	1993 CC	
Ruger	Stallion	Black	solid	Kiva	Gunsmoke	2006 IPLGRM	
Onyx	Stallion	Black	rrs, lrp	Spook	Howdy	2003 MC	
Ember	Mare	Black	star, rfp	Ashes	Sid	2009 IPLGRM	
Metate	Mare	Black	star, lfp, lrs	Kiva	Gunsmoke	2008 MC	
Cimarron	Stallion	Black	star, snip, 2rp	Tall girl	Ringo	2006 IPLGRM	
Kiva	Mare	Black	star, 2rs	Shoshoni	Howdy	2003 MC	
Jubilee	Filly	Black	star, connected strip, snip, 2rs	Kiva	atomic	2013 IPLGRM	



Identify this Horse

Sir Tristan	Stallion	Palomino	star, 2rs, sm. hernia	Old Palomino	Sir Galahad	1996 NS	
Spin	Stallion	Palomino	star, rfs	TJ	Shyboy	2009 MR	
Liberty	Mare	Palomino	wide blaze, rfs, lrstk, rrs	Corona?	Snoopy?	?2006 MR	
Amaretto	Mare	Palomino	wide blaze, 4 socks, blue eyes	Corona	Snoopy	2010 MR	
TJ	Mare	Palomino	star, strip, snip	Trixie	Trigger	1994 MR	
Butterscotch	Mare	Palomino	blaze	Cloud	Chief	2003 IPLGRM	
Sunshine	Mare	Palomino	blaze,lrs	Butterscotch	Onyx	2010 IPLGRM	



Identify this Horse

Aura	Mare	Sorrel	star,strip,snip,lrs,flxn mane,curly,frzbrand			2012	CC
Karma	Filly	Sorrel	star,strip, snip	Aura		2015	CC
Lucky	Stallion	Sorrel	blaze, lfs, 2rs left ear drooping	Trixie	Trigger	1996	MR
Oasis	Mare	Sorrel	blaze, rfs, lrs (tall)	Sunkist	Lucky	2008	MR
Seneca	Stallion	Sorrel	blaze,lfs,rfstk,rrstk,lr1/2 coronet	Oasis	?	2011	MR
Rimrock	Stallion	Sorrel	star,half strip,snip,2 rs	Jaggs	Laramie	2008	CC
Tawny	Mare	Sorrel	star,2rs,2fp	Chrome	Onyx	2012	IPLGRM
Tanner	Colt	Sorrel	star with a race,lrs,lfp	Tawny	Onyx	2015	IPLGRM
Misty	Mare	Sorrel	star, 2rs	Mystic	Rico Boy	2010	NS



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Legacy	Stallion	Dark Buckskin	star, snip. 2rs (high)	Miss Kitty	Buttermilk	2008	NS
Eclipse	Mare	Black/Brown	star	Miracle	Inca/Gideon	2014	MC
Cat	Mare	Bay	snip, 2rs	Miss Kitty	Crip	2003	NS
Comet	Mare	Seal brown	blaze, lrp	Rocket	Diamond Rio	2009	IPLGRM
Sunny	Mare	Bay	blaze, 2rs, rfp	Chrome	Atomic	2011	IPLGRM



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Echo	Mare	Black	star, 2rs, ermine	Nike	Reno	1999	MC
Legacy	Stallion	Dark Buckskin	star, snip, 2rs (high)	Miss Kitty	Buttermilk	2008	NS
Sid	Stallion	Seal Brown	star, ½ strip, rrs, snip	Jocko's OM	Jocko	1999	IPLGRM
Coquette	Mare	Grulla	star, lfc, 2rp, ermine	Illusion	Little Joe	2000	NS
Gallo	Stallion	Black	star	Chablis	Rojito/Lane	2014	NS



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Chipeta	Mare	Red roan	Lrs, rrc	Mitawa	Silver	2001	NS
Mocha	Stallion	Varnish roan appy	Star, blanket, rfs, rrs, l eye missing	Sunkist	Lucky	2004	MR
Sapphire	Mare	Blue roan	Wide blaze, 4 tall socks, r eye blue	Corona	Snoopy	2009	MR
Sahara	Mare	Varnish roan appy	Star, cnct strip, 2fs, rrp, lrp	Sunkist	Lucky	2012	MR
Sonoma	Mare	Red roan	Star, rfs, 2rs	Sassy	Silver	2008	IPLGRM