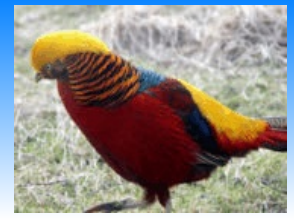




Golden Pheasant

Chrysolophus pictus



What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Golden Pheasant is commonly found in zoos and aviaries, but often as impure specimens that have the similar Lady Amherst's Pheasant in their lineage.

Habitat / Climate

dark young conifer forests with sparse undergrowth

Where am I from?

The Golden Pheasant or "Chinese Pheasant", is a parrot like gamebird of the order Galliformes. It is native to forests in mountainous areas of western China but feral populations have been established in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

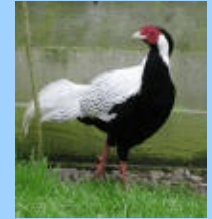


Other family members:

Caspian snowcock
Gray partridge
Western capercaillie

Who are my relatives?

Silver Pheasant, Little chachalaca, Yellow-knobbed curassow and the Turkey



Breeding Potential

Clutch size 8 to 12 eggs

How am I born?

We lay 8-12 eggs at a time and will then incubate these for around 22-23 days. When we hatch we are able to walk and look for food within hours. By a few weeks we lose our down and have our feathers in.



How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

Once we have gotten our feathers we will keep getting bigger. By 3 months we will be full grown, we might add a few pounds after that but won't get larger. We can live up to 6 years.

Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	A	P	A	U	U	S	E	C	O	E
	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C

What kind of family life do I have?

We are extremely territorial. As the breeding season approaches the cock can become very aggressive and can attack the hen, if there are other males around they will fight each other. So we need plenty of room to move around and not crowd each other. We like to roost in trees at night.

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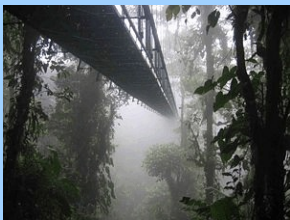
Adult male- Cock
Adult female-Hen
Young- Chicks
Group:- Flocks

What do I eat and when do I eat?

They feed on the ground on grain, leaves and invertebrates, they also tend to eat berries, grubs, seeds and other types of vegetation. but roost in trees at night.

Who are my predators?

Despite the male's showy appearance, these hardy birds are very difficult to see in their natural habitat, which is dense, dark young conifer forests with sparse undergrowth. Little is known of their behavior in the wild.



Comments:

Although they can fly in short bursts they are quite clumsy in flight and spend most of their time on the ground.

