



Peafowl

Pavo cristatus



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Phoenician traders in the time of King Solomon (1000 B.C.) introduced the birds to present-day Syria and the Egyptian Pharaohs. Alexander the Great imported more of the birds into his Mediterranean domains and severely penalized anyone caught harming them.

Habitat / Climate

Wooded areas
Hot or cold climates

Where am I from?

The Indian Peafowl, also known as the Peacock, live from eastern Pakistan through India, south from the Himalayas to Sri Lanka. Though once common in Bangladesh, it may now be extinct in that country.



Other family members:

Ptarmigan
Quail
Turkey

Who are my relatives?

Other Galliformes such as Capercaillie, Pheasants, Guineafowl and Jungle-fowl



Breeding Potential

Clutch size average 8
Number of offspring per year?
One to two clutches

How am I born?

I am hatched from an egg. Our incubation periods are comparatively long - from 28-34 days. As precocial chicks we are able to follow our mother nearly as soon as we hatch.

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

I am capable of making sustained flights of several yards within a few days of hatching. We are born with perfectly formed flight feathers. While I am born with fully developed flight feathers I still require a great deal of parental care, which is provided by both parents of all species except captive populations of the Indian Peafowl. Our markedly delayed maturity is another unique characteristic of peafowl that is in keeping with our ongoing relationships with our parents.

Breeding Season

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

Names for:

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

What kind of family life do I have?

My bothers and sisters born previous seasons closely resemble our mother and often help our parents rear my clutch. My father defends the nest site and the foraging territories of our mother and protects us against predators..

What do I eat and when do I eat?

Peafowl are omnivorous and eat ticks, termites, ants, locusts, mice, plant parts, flower petals, seed heads, scorpions and other arthropods, reptiles, and amphibians.

Who are my predators?

The Adult Male Peafowl defends the nest site against reptiles and other predators. Monitor Lizards, Cobras, Pythons and opportunistic predators like civets and monkeys all pose the worst threats to the Peahen, especially when she is incubating the clutch on or near the ground.



Comments:

Here at the Ranch we have Indian Peafowl just remember to look into the trees!