

INDIAN PEAFOWL

(PAVO CRISATUS, P. MUTICUS)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN*



WE ARE BIRDS
part of the pheasant family
with a lifespan of
15-20 years



Origin: India.
Diet: Insects, grain, small reptiles and mammals, berries, leaves, figs, seeds and parts of flowers. They are omnivores.
Predators: Mongooses, jungle cats, stray dogs, leopards and tigers.
Habitat: Rainforests.

*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016: e.T22679435A92814454. Downloaded 15.03.19



Length Males
180-250cm

Length Females
90-110cm



Weight Males
3.8-6kg

Weight Females
2.8-4kg

ADAPTATIONS

The males are beautiful and brightly coloured so they can attract the females and the females are brown so they can be easily camouflaged when nesting.

REPRODUCTION

In the wild, breeding season begins at the same time as the monsoon rain. The male will attract the female by parading around with his feathers out. The female will make a small nest with sticks where she'll lay 3-8 eggs. She will sit on them for 26-30 days until they hatch. They weigh around 3.6 ounces at hatching and will be capable of walking and foraging straight away, however still remain vulnerable.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most people call them 'Peacocks' but that is technically only the name for the males. Females are known as 'Peahens' and the generic name is 'Peafowl'. A baby Peafowl is known as a 'Peachick'.

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