

Primary Worksheets: Peacock



The peacock is a commonly used name for a colorful male peafowl. The females are called peahens and are smaller and grey or brown in colour.

Peacocks are well known for their large eye-spotted tail feathers (plumage). Its tail feathers can form a fan that can stretch out to nearly 2 meters in length!

Peacocks use their beautiful tail feathers to attract females for mating purposes. If it feels threatened or intimidated by another animal, it will also use its tail feathers to make itself bigger and more dominate.



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There are three different varieties of peacocks, the Indian, the Green and the Congo. The most common type of peacock that can be found in zoos and parks is the Indian peafowl.

The Indian peacock has the head and neck covered in shining, blue feathers that look like scales. It comes from South Asia, where it is the national bird!

The Congo peacock is native to Central Africa. It is not as large as the others. The Green peacock is native to Southeast Asia and has green and bronze feathers.



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Peacock feathers can make up of 60 percent of the bird's total body length. Their wings can be up to 5 feet long, making them one of the largest flying birds in the world.

A baby peacock is called a peachick. It can take up to 5 or 6 years for the plumage to look its best. Peacocks can live up to over 20 years.

Peacocks are omnivorous, meaning that they eat many different types of plants, flowers, seeds, insects, and even small reptiles like lizards! They will always go back to the same place at the same time if they know there is food there! During winter, they can even be seen eating dry dog and cat food if left out in the garden!



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Female peacocks (peahen) can lay between two to six eggs in the springtime. When she lays her eggs, she sits on them for around thirty days for them to hatch.

She will only leave the nest to feed and drink. When the female is away from the eggs, she will continuously make a noise to attract predators away from the egg.

When the chicks are hatched, the mother hen will lead them away from their broken eggs because of the smell that attracts predators.

Within a few days, they can fly up to into sheltering trees. The hen teaches her chicks what to eat by pointing with her beak.



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Answer the questions.

What is a peacock?

What do they eat?

What is the difference between a male and female?



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Draw a peacock and write a short paragraph about it!



