

Interesting Facts about birds (Peacock)

1. Do you know what male and female peacocks are called?

“Peacocks are generally seen in a forest, during the rainy season, or in bird and animal sanctuaries, but did you know male and female peacocks are called by different names? The male is generally called ‘a peacock’. The female is known as ‘a peahen’. While both males and females are combined, they are called peafowl.”

2. Do you have an idea how many species of peafowl there are in the world?

“While, taking into consideration peafowl, there are three extensively-studied species of peafowl. Out of the extensively -studied species, one with a vernacular name, Indian or blue peafowl, is binomial Pavo Cristatus. One with a vernacular name, “Green peafowl or Javanese peafowl,” is the binomial Pavo Muticus. One with a trivial name, Congo peafowl, is the binomial name “Afropavo Congensis.”

3. Do you know where peacocks reside?

Peacocks live in forests as well as in zoos. Generally, their average lifespan is about 20 years, but in controlled conditions, it can increase to 40 years. The reason for the increase in lifespan is protection from predators, proper food ingestion, and care taken by caretakers. “In their natural habitat, they live in low-lying areas of forest during the day, while during the nighttime, they rest high in the trees.”

4. Can a peacock run?

Although the size of a peacock is large, they are able to run at speeds of 16 km/hr, to save themselves from predators, because they have strong legs.

5. Did you know that male peacocks undergo a molting process once a year?

“The male peacock sheds its tail after mating season once a year. can regenerate after some time period. This process is called the molting and involves the regeneration of the tail feathers.”

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