

Animal Fact Sheet

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Indian Peafowl

Pavo cristatus

Pavo cristatus wears the most famous ornament in biology, and the first thing to get right is that it is not a tail. The "train" is made of about 150 to 200 enormously elongated upper tail coverts - ...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird**Family:** Phasianidae**Habitat:** Open forests, farmlands, and scrublands near water sources**Diet:** Omnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 15-20 years in the wild**Weight:** 2.7-6 kg**Scientific name:** *Pavo cristatus*

Did you know?

- The eye-like spots on a peacock's tail, called ocelli, are used to attract females and can number over 100 on a single train.
- A displaying peacock shivers his train at about 25 times a second, producing an infrasonic pulse below human hearing that peahens can detect from a d...

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