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Animal Fact Sheet

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Western Capercaillie

Tetrao urogallus

The western capercaillie (Tetrao urogallus) is the largest grouse in the world, and the difference between the sexes is extreme: a cock can weigh twice as much as a hen, up to 6.5 kilograms, and is n…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Phasianidae
Habitat: Boreal and temperate coniferous forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: Females: 1.5–2.5 kg, Males: 3.5–6.5 kg
Scientific name: Tetrao urogallus

Did you know?

- Despite their large size and apparent clumsiness, Western Capercaillies are capable of swift and powerful flight when threatened.
- The displaying cock goes briefly deaf during part of his own song, because the movement of his jaw closes off his ear, and hunters have crept up on h…

What I learned

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