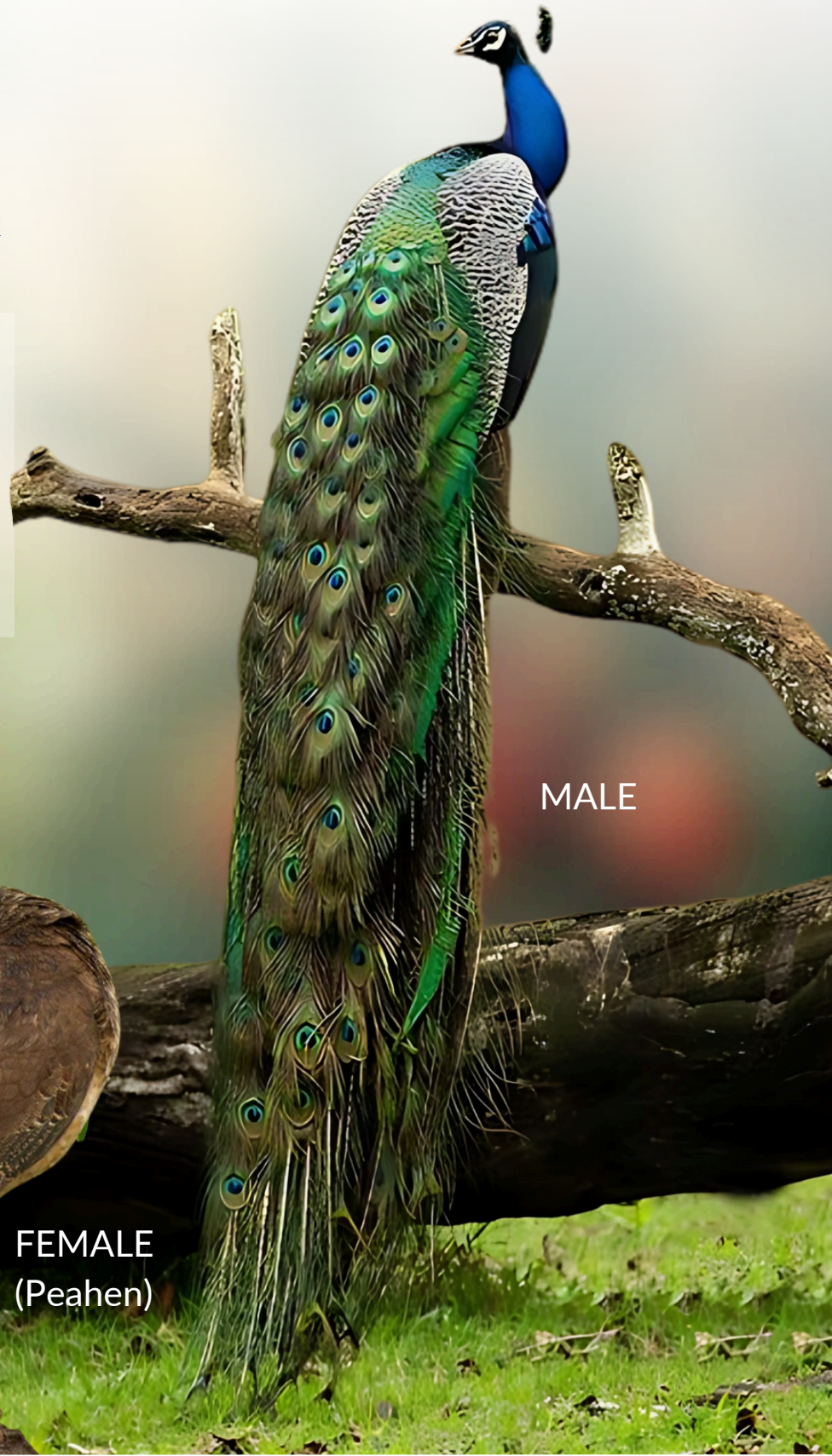


# PEACOCK



MALE



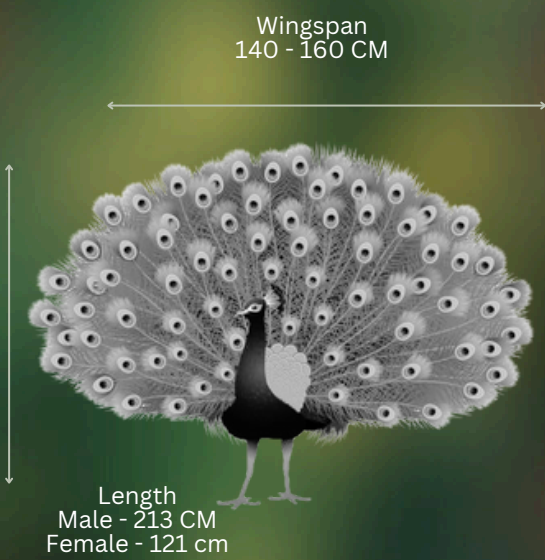
FEMALE (Peahen)

**COMMON NAME:** INDIAN PEACOCK  
**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *PAVO CRISTATUS*  
**FAMILY:** PHASIANIDAE  
**NATIVE RANGE:** INDIA AND SRI LANKA  
**HABITAT:** FORESTS, GRASSLANDS, AGRICULTURAL AREAS, AND NEAR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Female (Peahen):** The peahen is smaller, with more subdued brown and grey feathers, designed for camouflage.

The male peacock is known for its dazzling iridescent plumage and long tail feathers, which form a beautiful fan with striking "eye" patterns. The feathers are vibrant shades of blue, green, and gold.



Weight  
2.7 to 6 KG

Life Span  
20 Years

Peacock Feathers are called a "Train" and only develops after Three Years. The tail of Train covers over 60% of the total length of their bodies

## BEHAVIOR & COMMUNICATION

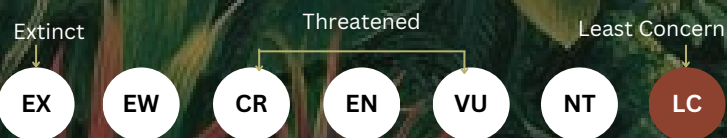
**Diet:** Peafowl are omnivorous, feeding on seeds, insects, small mammals, reptiles, and fruits.

**Social Structure:** Peafowl are social birds, often seen in groups known as parties. Males are polygamous and maintain harems of females during the breeding season.

**Mating Display:** The male fans its impressive tail feathers and performs a display dance to attract females.

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Currently not at risk, classified as "Least Concern" by the IUCN



**Threats:** While not endangered, threats include habitat loss, hunting, and poaching for their feathers.

## HEALTH & CARE

**Common Health Issues:** Respiratory problems, feather plucking, and obesity.

**Cage Requirements:** Spacious with perches and toys. It's essential to provide daily interaction and allow time outside the cage for exercise.

**Lifespan Extension:** Regular vet check-ups, a healthy diet, and mental stimulation are key to extending their lifespan.

## NATURAL HABITS



FOREST



GRASSLANDS



AGRICULTURAL AREA

## BREEDING

Peacocks are polygamous, and the breeding season is spread out but appears to be dependent on the rains. Peafowls usually reach sexual maturity at the age of 2 to 3 years old. Several males may congregate at a lek site and these males are often closely related



Once mating has occurred, the peahen will lay a clutch of three to six eggs. She will incubate them for about 29 days with no help from the male.



The newly hatched chicks are born with flight feathers and are able to fly short distances within three days of hatching.