

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant

Polyplectron germaini

One of the least known of the pheasant species, the Germain's Peacock-pheasant is endemic to Vietnam and Cambodia.

The Germain's Peacock-pheasants get their name from their distinctive tails which resemble peacocks. Like the peacocks, these pheasants lift their tails and display to the females almost throughout the year but particularly around the breeding season. Although similar in appearance, the female only has 18 tail feathers, while the male has 20.

They live in dense evergreen and semi-evergreen forest including areas with lots of bamboo growth. They are also found in disturbed areas but not in high numbers. They are normally monogamous but polygamy has been recorded in captivity only. The nest is usually at the base of a bamboo clump or in thick bushes.



Lifespan: 25 Years

Weight: 380 - 530 g

Size: 48 - 60 cm (including tail)

Breeding Season: February - June

Incubation Period: 21 Days

Number of Chicks: 2

Diet: Berries, fruits, seeds, wild figs, grubs, insects and snails

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, Trapping for Trade and Food, have a limited distribution.

Conservation Status: Near Threatened – CITES App II.