

Grey Peacock-Pheasant

Polyplectron bicalcaratum

One of the most striking of the pheasant species, the Grey Peacock-pheasant is found in China, India, Burma, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia.

The Grey 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. The male has a full crest, that when lifted fully, droops over the beak.

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: 460 - 910 g

Size: 53 - 76 cm

Breeding Season: March - June

Incubation Period: 21 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 5

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

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, Trapping for Trade and Food

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened – Endangered – CITES APP II.

More research needed in some areas.