

Ring-neck Pheasant

Phasianus colchicus

Also known as the Common Pheasant, they are native to large parts of Asia. They have though been introduced to many parts of the world.

The Ring-neck Pheasant is one of the world's most hunted birds, and it is for this purpose that it has been introduced to many parts of the world. It is also the state bird of South Dakota in the USA, one of only 3 US state birds that is not a native species. Typical of the pheasants, the males are brightly coloured whilst the females are drab brown in colour.

They are found in woodland, farmland, scrub and wetlands between the Black and Caspian seas to Manchuria, Siberia, Korea, Mainland China and Taiwan. Whilst they can fly short distances, they prefer to run. Feeding solely on the ground, they roost in sheltered trees at night to avoid predators. Chicks resemble adults by only 15 weeks of age.



Lifespan: 20 Years

Weight: 500 – 3 000 g

Size: 60 – 89 cm

Breeding Season: April - June

Incubation Period: 23 - 26 Days

Number of Chicks: 1 - 10

Diet: Fruits, Seeds, Leaves, Snakes, Lizards and also Insects

Problems They Face: Commercial Hunting, trapping for food and Poisoning.

Conservation Status: Common to Abundant through most of their range. Estimated 50 million in captivity.