

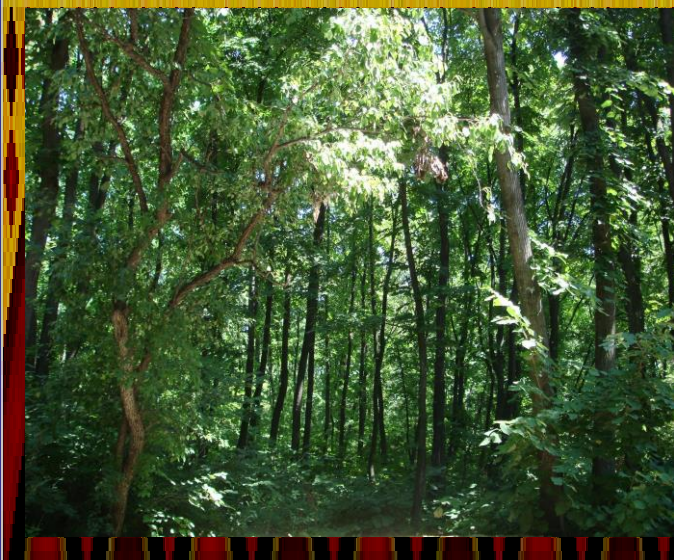
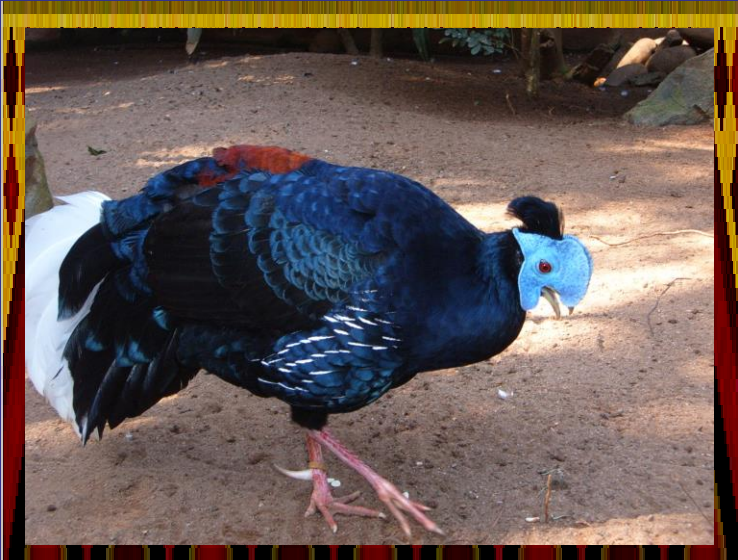
Siamese Crested Fireback

Lophura diardi

These gorgeous Pheasants are found in Burma, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam and are considered to be Near Threatened and Rare in most of their range.

The Siamese Crested Fireback Pheasant lives in Lowland Forest, Primary and Secondary Evergreen Forests and also Bamboo Forests. There is not a lot known about these birds in their natural habitat or habits and this includes their breeding behaviour. One nest described from the wild was little more than a scrape on the ground at the base of a tree.

The total estimated population is between 5 000 and 10 000 birds and this figure is thought to be optimistic. As they are a Lowland Forest specialist, they are very vulnerable to widespread habitat alterations and therefore protection is a priority. We have bred more than 40 of these birds at the Umgeni River Bird Park and sent offspring to other facilities around the world.



Lifespan: 20 Years

Weight: 680 - 1420 g

Size: 60 - 80 cm

Breeding Season: April - July

Incubation Period: 24 - 25 Days

Number of Chicks: 4 - 8

Diet: Omnivorous. Fruits, Berries, Insects, Worms and Crabs

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, exploitation for Food and Sport

Conservation Status: Near Threatened and Rare in most areas.