

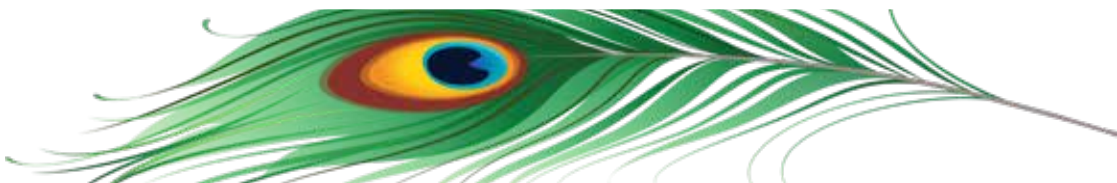
Peacock

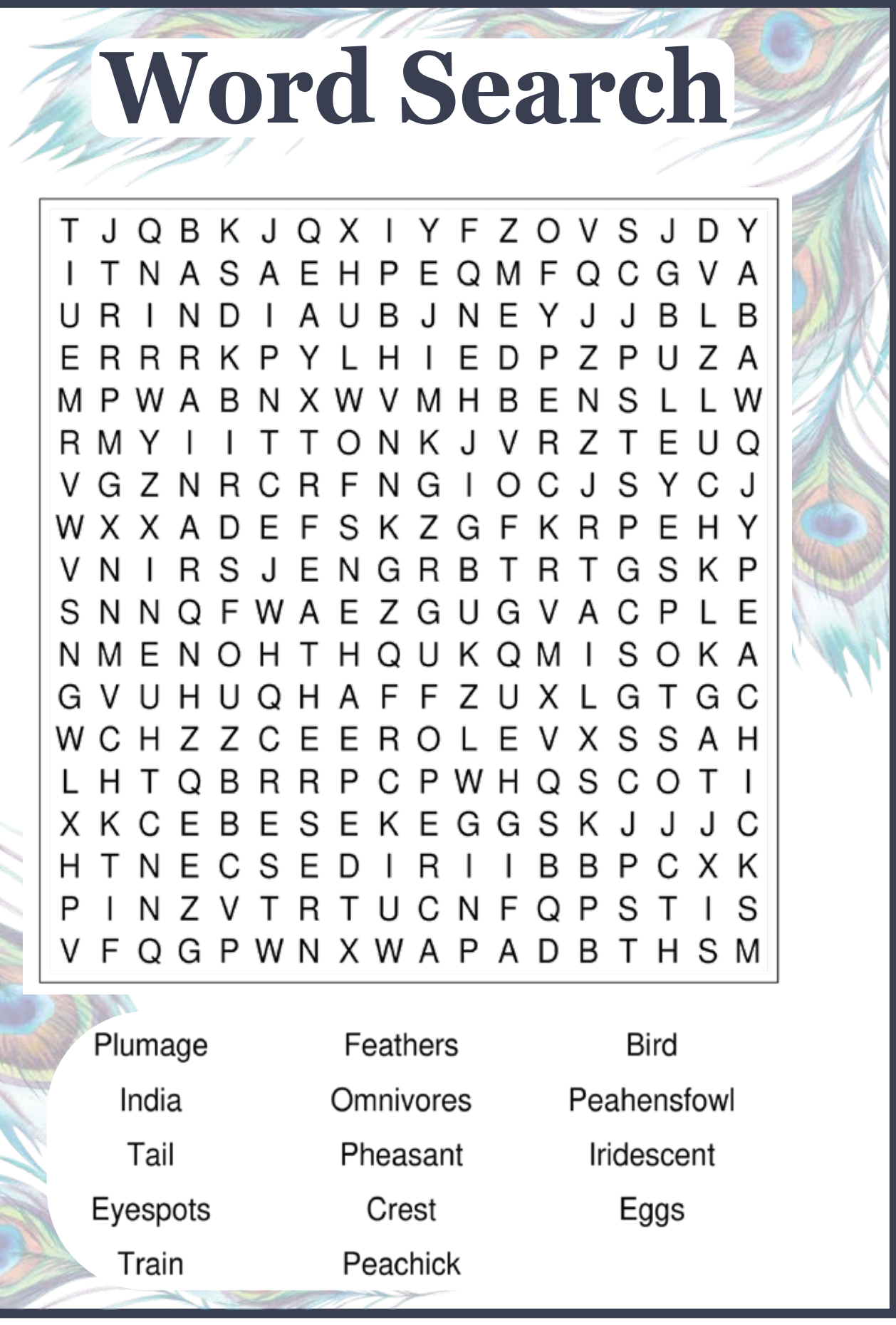


Getting to know the Peacock

Region & Habitat	Based on species
Classification	Phasianidae
Size	Males are typically 70 to 98 inches long (including train), females are 35 to 43 inches long. Males weigh between 8 and 13 pounds, females between 6 and 8.8 pounds.
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Diurnal
Conservation Status	Least Concern
Average Lifespan	40-50 years, in the wild about 10-25 years
Gestational Period	Incubation lasts between 27 and 30 days
Diet	Omnivores, but also eat seeds, grains, fruits, berries, insects, small reptiles, amphibians, and other plant matter.
Scientific Name	Pavo cristatus
Hibernate	No
Fun Fact	In Hinduism, the peacock is considered a sacred bird symbolizing compassion, love, and immortality. Its feathers are often used in traditional ceremonies and decorations.

Instantly recognizable around the world, the peacock sports a strikingly vibrant plumage. Its magnificent tail feathers feature iridescent blue, green, and gold eye-shaped markings called "ocelli". These beautiful feathers are used to attract mates and in courtship rituals. They also have crests on top of their heads, somewhat resembling a floating crown. For the peahens, these crests function as "mating sensors" when a nearby peacock is rattling its tails. The actual species is referred to as "peafowl", with males being called peacocks and females peahens. Their offspring are referred to as "peachicks". The males of the species are the ones sporting the long train of colorful features, while the females, or peahens, have brown-colored features used for camouflage while nesting. The peafowl are native to parts of Sri Lanka and most of India – it's the national bird of India – and naturally live in bushy areas as well as open forests near water sources. And, of course, they can be found in parks, farms, and zoos worldwide. Many do not realize this, but peafowl can actually fly, despite their long train of tail feathers. They regularly fly short distances to escape predators or to a nearby tree branch to roost for the night.



A decorative border featuring vibrant peacock feathers with iridescent blue, green, and gold patterns, framing the word search puzzle.

Word Search

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Plumage

India

Tail

Eyespots

Train

Feathers

Omnivores

Pheasant

Crest

Peachick

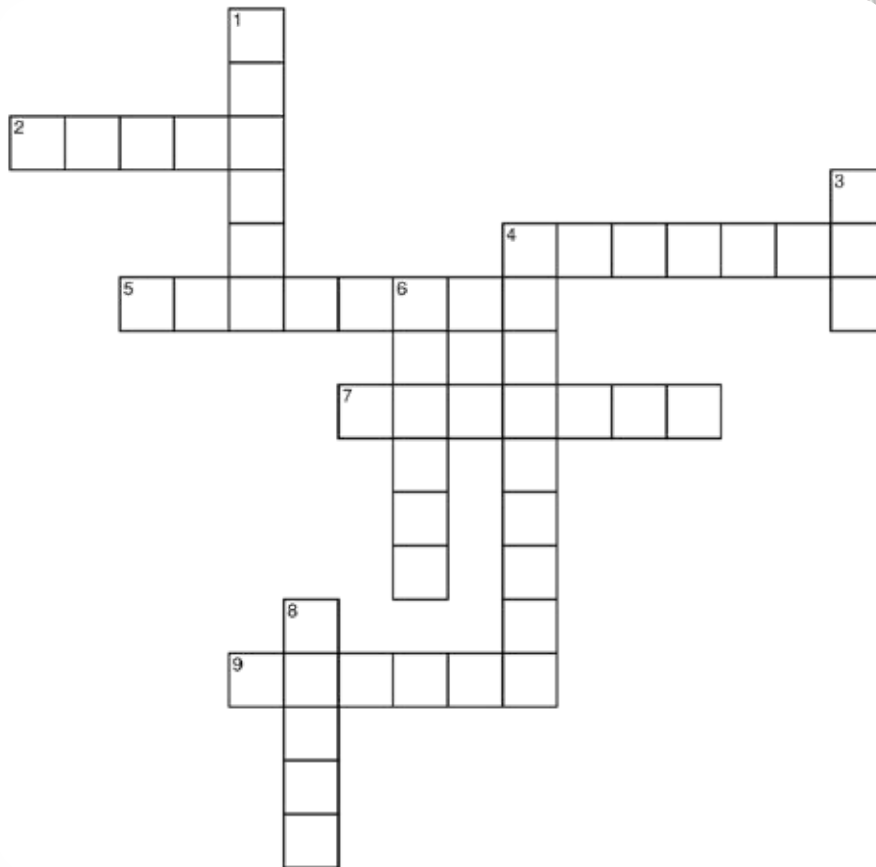
Bird

Peahensfowl

Iridescent

Eggs

Crossword



Across

- [2] Their national bird is the peafowl
- [4] The species as a whole
- [5] An animal that eats both plants and animals
- [7] Male peafowl
- [9] Feathery head toppers

Down

- [1] Female peafowl
- [3] What do they do to escape predators?
- [4] Baby peafowl
- [6] Eye-shaped markings
- [8] Peahen's camouflage color

Spot the Difference

Find the 5 differences between these two images.





Solutions

