

Avian Species of Southeast Asia

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1. What is the Indian Peafowl well-known for?

- A) Its dull coloration
- B) Its spectacular coloring and distinctive call
- C) Its ability to swim
- D) Its nocturnal habits

2. What does the male Indian Peafowl develop during the breeding season?

- A) A short crest
- B) A long train of feathers
- C) A thicker beak
- D) Wings that change color

3. What is at the tip of each tail feather of the Indian Peafowl?

- A) A small barb
- B) A single iridescent eyespot (ocellus)
- C) A sharp point
- D) A soft downy tuft

4. What unique distinction does the Nicobar Pigeon hold among living birds?

- A) It is the largest pigeon species
- B) It is the only living relative of the extinct Dodo
- C) It can mimic human speech
- D) It builds nests in caves

5. What is a characteristic of the Nicobar Pigeon's upper plumage?

- A) It is uniformly brown
- B) It has a metallic sheen
- C) It is covered in spikes
- D) It is transparent

6. Which sex of the Nicobar Pigeon has a larger knob or wattle at the top of its bill?

- A) Females
- B) Males
- C) Both sexes equally
- D) Neither sex

7. How do Nicobar Pigeons often communicate with each other?

- A) Through melodic songs
- B) Using harsh, guttural croaks
- C) Via wing signals
- D) Through scent marking

8. Where do Nicobar Pigeons forage and feed?

- A) Exclusively in trees
- B) On the forest floor
- C) In bodies of water
- D) On mountaintops

9. What is the nesting behavior of female Nicobar Pigeons during the breeding season?

- A) They build elaborate nests in caves
- B) They dig burrows in the ground
- C) They build a loose platform of twigs high in trees
- D) They lay eggs directly on the ground

10. What are the reasons for the declining numbers of the Nicobar Pigeon?

- A) Climate change and pollution
- B) Competition with other bird species
- C) Capture for pet trade, as food, habitat loss, and hunting by predators
- D) A natural decline in their reproductive rate

11. What kind of relationship do White-breasted Ground Dove pairs form?

- A) Polygamous
- B) Monogamous, with the same mate year after year
- C) They do not form pairs
- D) Short-term mating pairs

12. When do White-breasted Ground Doves usually breed?

- A) During the dry season
- B) When food is most abundant
- C) In the coldest months
- D) After heavy rainfall

13. What is the primary foraging behavior of the White-breasted Ground Dove?

- A) Foraging in trees
- B) Foraging on the ground
- C) Foraging in water
- D) Foraging in burrows

14. The Nicobar Pigeon is the only living relative of which extinct bird?

- A) The Great Auk
- B) The Passenger Pigeon
- C) The Dodo
- D) The Moa

15. What is the term for the iridescent eyespot on the tip of an Indian Peafowl's tail feather?

- A) A crest
- B) An ocellus
- C) A spur
- D) A ruff

16. Nicobar Pigeons are known to have a mane of long neck what?

- A) Feathers
- B) Hackles
- C) Scales
- D) Spines

17. Although capable of powerful flight, Nicobar Pigeons always do what?

- A) Migrate long distances
- B) Forage and feed on the forest floor
- C) Communicate by singing
- D) Build nests in cliffs

18. What is a major threat to the Nicobar Pigeon population?

- A) Avian flu
- B) Habitat destruction by natural disasters
- C) Introduced predators like cats
- D) Lack of suitable nesting sites

19. What describes the White-breasted Ground Dove's movement patterns?

- A) Strictly territorial
- B) Nomadic throughout their large range
- C) Migratory only in winter
- D) Stationary in one location

20. What action do Indian Peafowl males perform during courtship?

- A) They sing complex songs
- B) They build elaborate nests
- C) They fan out their train of feathers and shake it
- D) They display bright blue neck feathers

21. The Nicobar Pigeon has a knob or wattle at the top of its bill, which is larger in which sex?

- A) Females
- B) Males
- C) Both sexes equally
- D) It is not present in either sex

22. Nicobar Pigeons can be found in flocks of up to how many birds?

- A) 10
- B) 20
- C) 30
- D) 50

23. White-breasted Ground Doves are described as stocky pigeons that do what?

- A) Fly long distances
- B) Forage for food on the ground
- C) Build nests in tall trees
- D) Communicate with loud calls

24. What is the habitat mentioned for the White-breasted Ground Dove?

- A) Desert
- B) Rainforest
- C) Arctic tundra
- D) Oceanic islands