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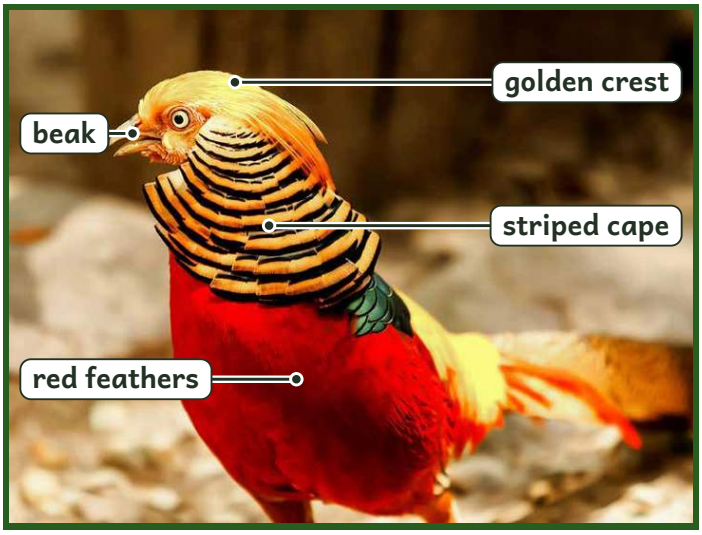
RED GOLDEN PHEASANT

Chrysolophus pictus

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A male red golden pheasant.

Its body

A male is very colorful.
It has a golden **crest**.
It has a striped **cape**.
A female is brown.

Its home (habitat)

It comes from China.
It lives at the edge of forests.
It stays mostly on the ground.



Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats seeds and leaves.
It eats berries and bugs too.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is a **chick**.
A mother keeps the eggs warm.
They hatch in about 22 days.
Chicks can move right away.

Fun facts

A brown female is hard to see on her nest.
It can make short, fast flights.

Words to know

cape: long feathers around its neck
chick: a baby bird
crest: feathers on top of a bird's head

Talk about it

1. How is a male different from a female?
2. How does brown help a mother on her nest?
3. What can a new chick do?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/birds/red-golden-pheasant/ · **Sources:** Paignton Zoo; British Trust for Ornithology; Plumpton Park Zoo records.
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A male has a golden crest. **YES** **NO**
2. A female is very bright. **YES** **NO**
3. Chicks can move right away. **YES** **NO**
4. It eats only meat. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ golden crest
- ☐ striped cape
- ☐ red feathers
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ beak
- ☐ eye

What is it doing? Circle one.

walking eating resting

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a male pheasant. Color its crest and cape.

Draw here

A pheasant has a _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular red golden pheasant sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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