MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

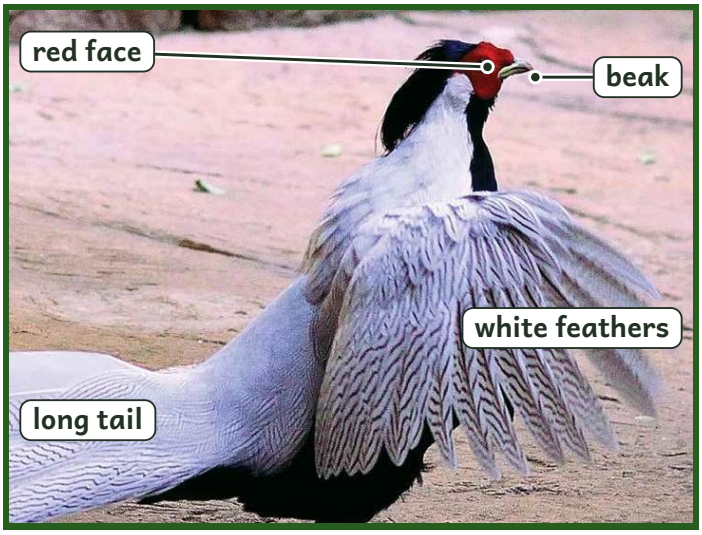
SILVER PHEASANT

Lophura nycthemera

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 silver pheasant at our zoo.

Its body

A male is silver and white.
It has a red face.
It has red legs.
It has a long tail.

Its home (habitat)

It comes from Asia.
It lives in mountain forests.
Hades and Persephone live at our zoo.



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

Its food

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

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is a **chick**.
The nest is on the ground.
A mother lays 6 to 12 eggs.
Chicks stay with her a short time.

Fun facts

A male beats its wings to make a sound.
It sleeps in trees at night.

Words to know

chick: a baby bird
nest: a place for eggs and chicks

Talk about it

1. How does a male make a sound with its wings?
2. Where is the nest?
3. Where does it sleep at night?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/birds/silver-pheasant/ · **Sources:** Oiseaux-Birds; BirdLife International; Penn Museum; Alexandria Zoo; Plumpton Park Zoo species guide.
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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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. It has a red face. **YES** **NO**
2. It sleeps under water. **YES** **NO**
3. Its nest is on the ground. **YES** **NO**
4. It has blue legs. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ red face
- ☐ white feathers
- ☐ black crest
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ red legs
- ☐ beak

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating walking resting

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a silver pheasant. Show its red face and long tail.

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 silver 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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