

# Monograph of the Pheasants

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### Captive population

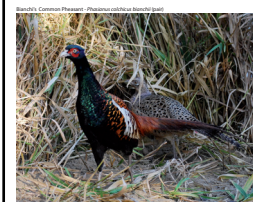
The captive population probably reaches millions of birds. However, it is regrettable that the different subspecies have been crossed in captivity, for the sole purpose of producing hunting birds, in total disregard for the distinctive characteristics of the different pheasants. The selection of breeding birds (generally, breeding for color and size) has resulted in a total loss of the genetic diversity of the original birds.

However, some people are beginning to maintain pure subspecies, or at least phenotypes resembling them. Some of these are in the USA, Edward John in France, Christophe Heller in Germany, Jan Olesen and Paul Sneyers in Belgium, Peter Banders in the Netherlands and Tomas Piv in the Czech Republic.

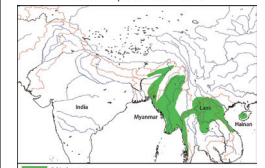
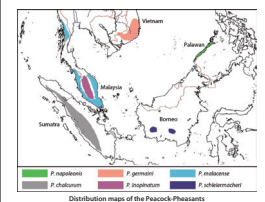
### Breeding

Common pheasants are highly and some of the most fertile breeders. They are usually housed in large enclosures with one male to several females but some breeders maintain pairs or trios in traditional aviaries of 20 to 30 m<sup>2</sup>. The latter is a common mistake because the male is forced to mate with several females and thus into the risk of the spread of the disease. The best solution is to mate the male with one female in a large aviary. The best solution is to mate the male with one female in a large aviary. The best solution is to mate the male with one female in a large aviary.

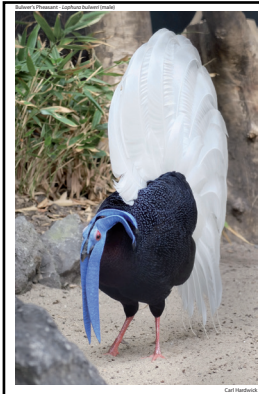
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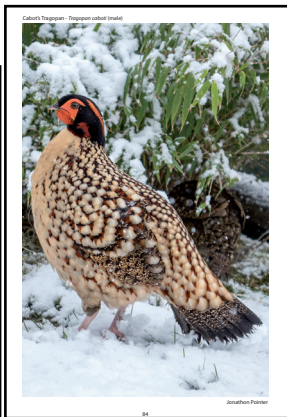
Edward John



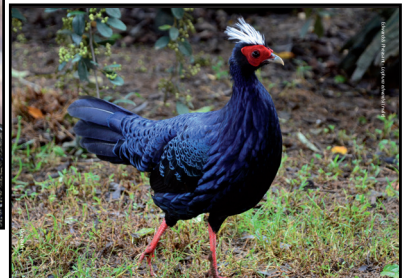
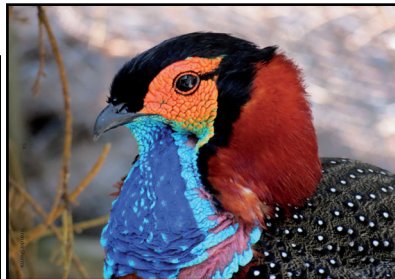
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