

The Pretty Feathers of a Peacock

Have you ever seen a peacock? They are really colorful birds that have long feathers on their tails. These tail feathers are super special because they have pretty spots called **eyespot**s.

What Are Eyespots?

Eyespots are like little colorful circles that look like eyes. They can be blue, green, or even gold! These spots are not real eyes, but they help the peacock in a few ways:

- **Attracting Friends:** When a peacock wants to show off to a peahen (a lady peacock), it spreads its beautiful tail feathers. The bright colors and the big eyespots get her attention!
- **Scaring Predators:** The peacock's eyespots can scare away animals that might want to eat the peacock. When a predator sees the large eyespots, it might think, 'Wow, that looks big and scary!' and move away.

How Do Peacocks Use Their Feathers?

During special times, like when a peacock wants to impress a peahen, it raises its tail feathers high into the air. This makes all the eyespots visible and shows off how pretty it is!

Fun Fact!

Did you know that only male peacocks have these colorful tail feathers with eyespots? Female peahens are usually brown and can look like they are hiding in the bushes. This helps them stay safe while they take care of their babies!

So next time you see a peacock, look for those beautiful eyespots on its tail and remember how special they are!