

Peacocks

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Birds have some of the most drastic differences between males and females, especially in color and size. Many male birds have evolved elaborate displays to attract females, such as dancing, flaring their feathers, or beautiful songs. These incredible shows communicate to the females that they are healthy and fit! Females may be brown and camouflaged to stay hidden from predators as they keep eggs warm and raise chicks.



Mallard ducks in Calgary

Sexual Dimorphism = Male and Female animals look different!

Match the Mates

See if you can guess which male and female are from the same species.

Males ♂

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



♀ Females

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



Some birds have no sexual dimorphism. Penguins look almost exactly the same and both share egg and chick raising duties!



Answer Key
 1. - D. Mandarin Ducks
 2. - E. Greater Sage-grouse
 3. - B. Peacock
 4. - A. Ring-necked Pheasant
 5. - C. Superb Bird of Paradise