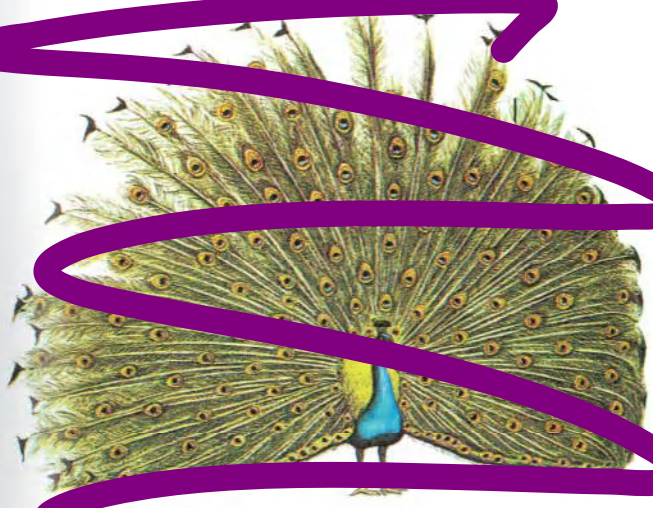


## Peacock

Peacocks are large birds known for their beautiful feathers. They are also called peafowl. The word *peacock* means just the male bird. The female is called a peahen. However, most people use the word *peacock* for both males and females. The Indian peafowl is the best-known species, or kind. It lives wild in India and Sri Lanka. The male has a greenish-blue neck and breast with purplish-blue underparts. Long greenish feathers called a train grow from the back of the male. They are marked with spots that look like eyes. The peacock sometimes spreads these feathers into a beautiful fan. The female's colors are not as bright, and the female has no train.



Peacock

## Peanut

Peanuts are not nuts at all. Like peas, they are legumes (*LEHG yoomz*), plants with pods or shells. The pods are the fruit of the peanut plant, and the peanuts are the seeds that grow inside the pod. Usually there are two peanuts per pod.

Peanuts are grown in warm climates in Asia, Africa, and the southern United States. Georgia grows more peanuts than any other U.S. state.

Many people enjoy peanuts as a tasty and healthy food. Bakers add peanuts to cakes, cookies, and pies, and cooks use peanut oil to fry food and flavor salads. Peanut butter is made from ground roasted peanuts.

Peanuts have other uses, too. Peanut oil is used in soaps, powders, creams, paints, and shampoos. Peanut shells are used to make plastics and a material like cork. Every part of the peanut is useful.

Other articles to read: Carver, George Washington.

### HANDS-ON!

#### Triple Peanut Delights

**Things You Need:**

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup peanut butter chips
- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup crushed peanuts
- large bowl      • mixing spoon
- 2 plates        • plastic wrap

Do you love peanut butter? This candy is loaded with peanutty taste—and you don't have to cook it on a stove.

Mix the first four things in a bowl. Put the crushed peanuts on a plate.

Use your hands to shape the mixture into one-inch balls. Roll the balls in the peanuts and put them on a clean plate. Cover them with plastic wrap and keep them in the refrigerator to serve for a special treat.