URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



PEACOCK

- Took in urban parks, gardens, and estates where ornamental birds have been introduced.
- I'm unmistakable: a shimmering blue-green body, crown of feathers, and an enormous train of iridescent "eye" feathers used in courtship displays.
- Watch for tail-shaking, loud calls, and slow, elegant struts—especially in spring and early summer.

DID YOU KNOW?

The "tail" isn't a tail at all—it's a display of elongated upper tail coverts, which can be over 5 feet long. Peacocks use subtle vibrations to make their feathers shimmer—a trait that influences peahen mate choice.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Respect my space—my calls may sound loud, but I still spook easily when chased or surrounded.
- Never feed processed food like bread or chips; stick to bird-safe seeds or greens if permitted.
- Support humane urban park policies that allow ornamental wildlife to live safely and stress-free.

REFLECTION PROMPT

Where in your life do you feel most free to be seen—and how do you show up in full color?



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