

NOTES ON PEACOCK IN ALPINE REGION OF SIKKIM

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The peacock, *Pavo cristatus* Linnaeus, 1758, is an interesting bird of India which has a national pride. This note pertains to the reporting of peacock near to the Kubuk Budang Lake at 3921m. The GPS coordinates of the location is 27° 20' 15' N 88° 50' 37'' E. This bird was sighted by Late Dhananjaya Pradhan, Range Officer, Kyongnosla Alpine Sancturary on 3rd March, 2013.

This bird was rescued from Kubuk Budang Lake and handed over to the Himalayan Zoological park, Gangtok for safety and conservation on 09.03.2013. The initiative of conservation was taken to prevent the bird from the cold and harsh condition.

This fact of reporting of *Pavo cristatus* Linnaeus in the alpine region was not reported earlier in Sikkim therefore, this information is the recording of peacock in alpine zone of Sikkim.

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