

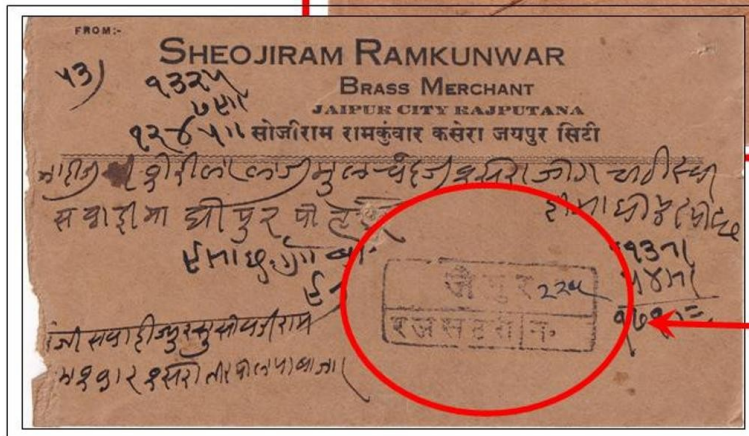
5. Extreme Behavior

Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)

Behavior The well known spreading of the Tail

Possibly, there is no better courtship display, finer or more spectacular than that of Peacock. The shimmering fan of feathers with its "eyes" of iridescent green, blue and orange has been admired by humankind for centuries. It provides proof that, among animals, it is worth risking conspicuous ornamentation to ensure successful sexual selection.

A female visitor almost invariably copulates only with the male that has most eyes on his feathers, which is usually the oldest and most experienced individual.



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Reverse side of the Registered Letter No. 225 posted from Jaipur, tied with 2 1/2 anna Peacock stamp, Issued 14.03.1931 Investiture of Maharaja, in a 12v Set



A male may have up to 150 "eyes" on their train, and it seems that it's a case of more the merrier.



Registered cover tied with ATMs-Pictorial cancel reveals magnificent display of tail feathers by Peacock.