

ARE **PEAFOWL** LIVING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Peafowl, meaning both peahens and peacocks, are not native to California and are considered exotic domestics. Most peafowl are feral, with no owners, and Pasadena Humane treats them similarly to most other wildlife species.

If a peafowl is acting threatening or is sick or injured, call or text **626.344.1129**.

DETER PEAFOWL FROM YOUR PROPERTY

- Avoid keeping unmanaged compost in your yard.
- Keep animal food indoors.
- Use sprinklers or hoses to haze them.
- Keep a cover on your car to avoid pecking.
- Trim back roosting areas such as overhanging trees.
- Landscape your yard with plants peafowl do not like, such as the following:

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| ◦ Acacia | ◦ Ferns |
| ◦ Agapanthus | ◦ Oleander |
| ◦ Azalea | ◦ Painted Daisy |
| ◦ Birds of Paradise | ◦ Pink Lady |
| ◦ Bougainvillea | ◦ Poinsettia |
| ◦ Cactus | ◦ Roses |
| ◦ Camellia | ◦ Snapdragons |
| ◦ Chrysanthemum | ◦ Fuchsia |

IF YOU ENCOUNTER PEAFOWL

Much of the time, people can safely enjoy the peafowl's beauty from a safe distance with little to no conflicts. During mating season (spring to early summer), though, you may notice that peafowl can become territorial, in which case you should actively haze these birds. This is done by making yourself look big and intimidating and making as much noise as possible. You can also effectively haze them by spraying them with water.

If you encounter an orphaned peachick, please, attempt to reunite it. The peahen will likely still be in the area and may return to your yard. In the meantime, keep the chick out of the sun and under a laundry basket. When the mother approaches your yard, release the chick.

If you encounter injured peafowl and are unsure of what to do, please contact our wildlife helpline at **626.344.1129**.

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