

Age Characteristics of Juvenile Pheasants

<u>Age in Weeks</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	No feathers showing; 3 dark stripes on back; “ball of fluff”.
2	Back and wings mostly feathered; down predominates on breast and head; tail $\frac{3}{4}$ ”; short hop-type flights.
4	Uniformly feathered except for fuzzy down on head; tail $2\frac{1}{4}$ ”; good flyers.
6	Uniformly feathered throughout; no red breast color yet on cocks; tail $3\frac{1}{2}$ ”.
8	Dark red begins to show on sides of breast of cocks; red wattle edges beginning; on-half size of adult hen; males slightly larger than females; appear “gawky”; tail 4”.
10	Cocks only: Dark red prominent on sides of breast; red wattles obvious; slight blue on wing coverts; new central tail feathers protruding but not barred.
12	Cocks only: Red wattles prominent; blue wing coverts prominent; greenish black mottled on head; size of adult hen; tail $6\frac{1}{2}$ ” and black barred.
14	Cocks only: white neck ring begins to show; breast almost completely reddish; greenish black on head solid; tail 9-10”. Size and appearance of juvenile female same as adult female.
16	Both sexes appear as adults.

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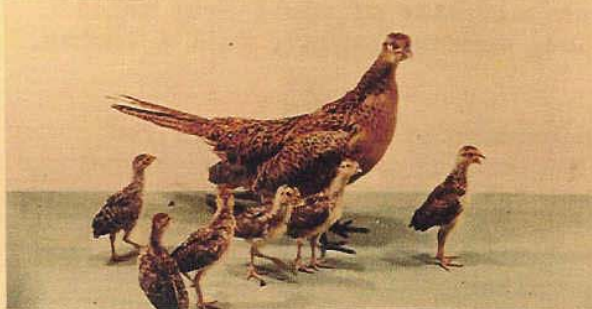


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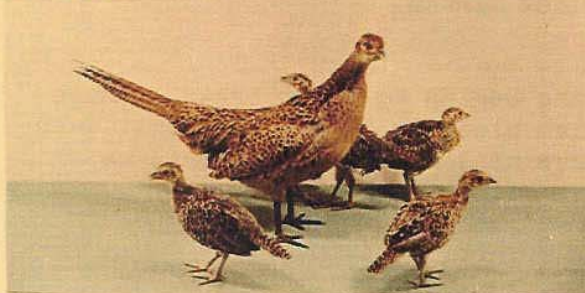
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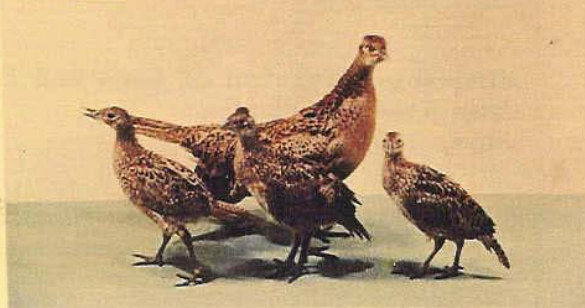
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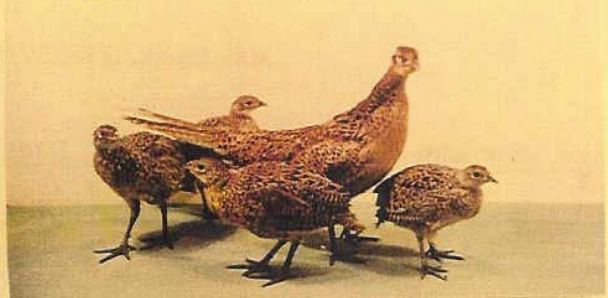
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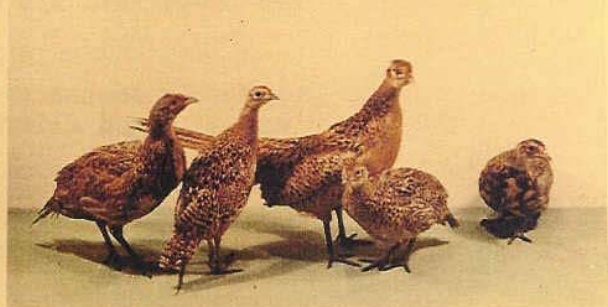
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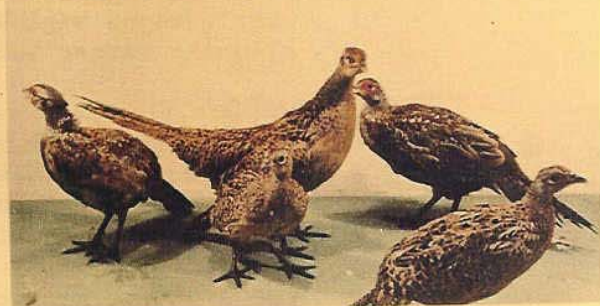
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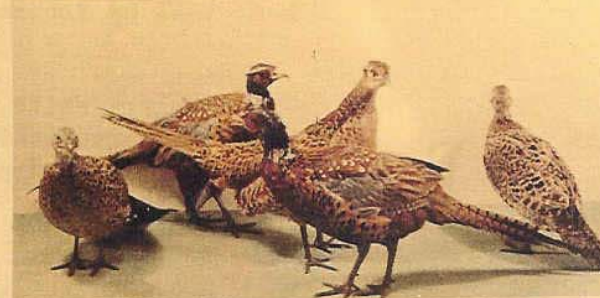
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