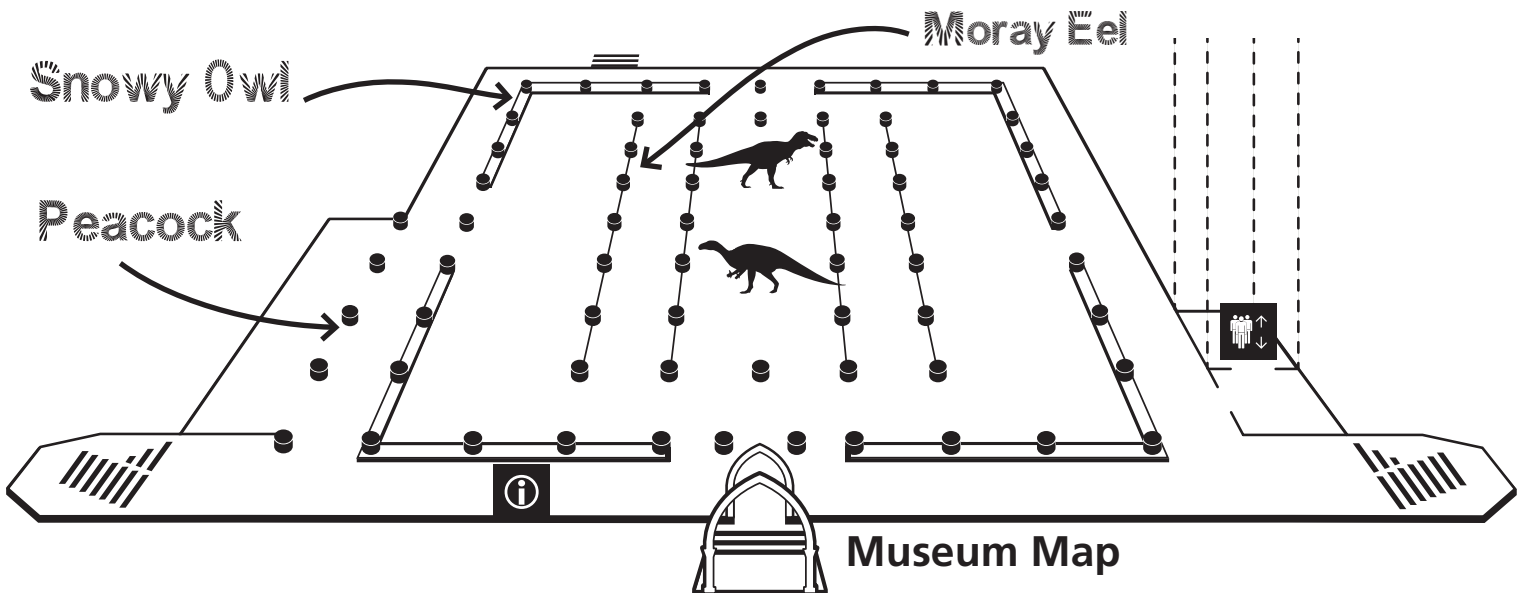


# Creature Colours



Animals use colour for three main reasons:

- To show off (display)
- To hide (camouflage)
- To scare other animals (warning)



## Display

## Peacock

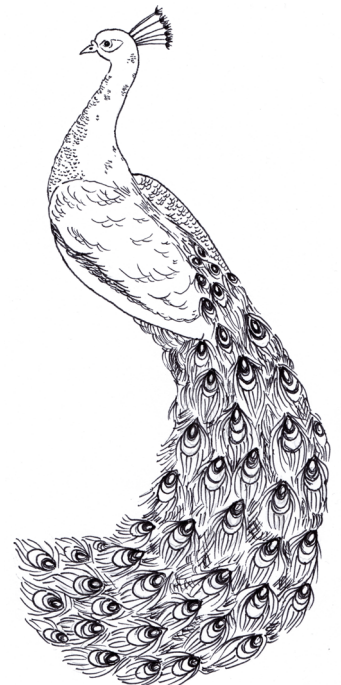
The ultimate show off!

Male peafowl are called peacocks and females are called peahens. It's the males that have spectacular tail feathers which they use to attract the attention of females. They lift them up and fan them out to show how beautiful they are.

How many different colours can you see in our pretty peacock's plumage?

Now find another example in the Museum of an animal that uses colour for display.

Name of animal:



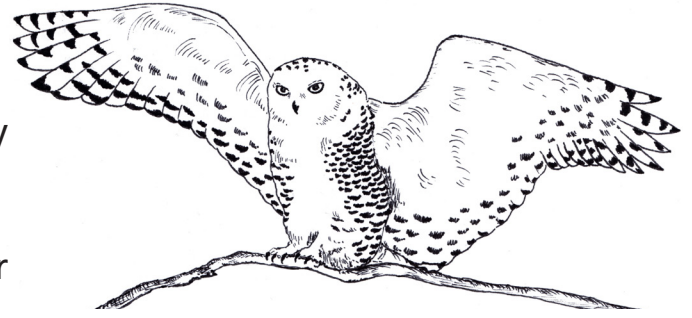
# Camouflage

## Snowy Owl

White as snow

These large owls mainly live in the Arctic in open, treeless areas called tundra.

Their white feathers help them to blend into their snowy habitat. Once hidden, they use their excellent eyesight to search for prey such as small rodents like lemmings. The snowy owl can attack even before their prey has a chance to see them coming!



**Now find another example in the Museum of an animal that uses camouflage.**

Name of animal:

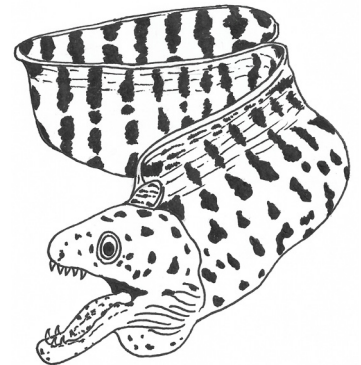
# Warning

## Moray Eel

Vibrant but vicious

Red, yellow and black are warning colours - they tell other animals to stay away and that they could be in danger.

This Moray Eel specimen has faded over time so has lost some of its original vibrancy. The Moray Eel's black and yellow patterned skin warns predators that it's not to be messed with. Those who dare might receive a painful bite from its strong and powerful jaws!



**Can you think of another example of an animal that uses warning colours?**

Name of animal:

# Final Colour

# Challenge

Design your own animal-inspired piece of clothing or costume that uses colour for camouflage, display or warning.

Draw your design here!

