

## Melanistic Mutants (Pheasants) Cock-Bird and Hens at Roger State Game Farm



View of ring-necked pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), a male and four females, at the Rogers State Game Farm (now Rogers Environmental Education Center) in Sherburne, Chenango County, N.Y. The date is unrecorded, but probably 1931. The pheasants are said to be melanistic, i.e., darker than is typical for the species due to higher concentrations of pigment in their skin and feathers. Pheasants are indigenous to Asia. This image was created to record the game-related activities of the New York State Conservation Department.

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