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Male pheasants have feathers with all sorts of uses. Frankly, I think the traditional tail feather used for PT nymphs etc are over-rated: they're brittle and prone to break. The body feathers are good for soft hackles and if you're careful with the hackle pliers you can even use the green head feathers for small wets and terrestrials. The shiny colorful feathers make nice decorative flies.

I've been tempted to sign up for one of those club shoots just to have an opportunity to bag some chuckers or Hungarian partridge. The skins of these birds in fly shops are very pricey and I still haven't found anything that can match 'em for soft hackle wets and nymphs.