

## TREND WATCH

# Down to Earth

Fool Mother Nature in fashions decorated with feathers or shells or made to imitate plants.

**WHAT'S IN** Fashion designers have been communing with nature lately. Hiking in the woods? Heaven forbid! Their inspiration is a fantasy island filled with white beaches, lush

gardens, and exotic birds. Think Botticelli's Venus, not Camp Fire Girls. Pretty seashells dangle from belts, skirts, and jewelry; carved abalones shimmer as buckles and buttons; and peacock feathers alight on to-die-for heels and evening bags.

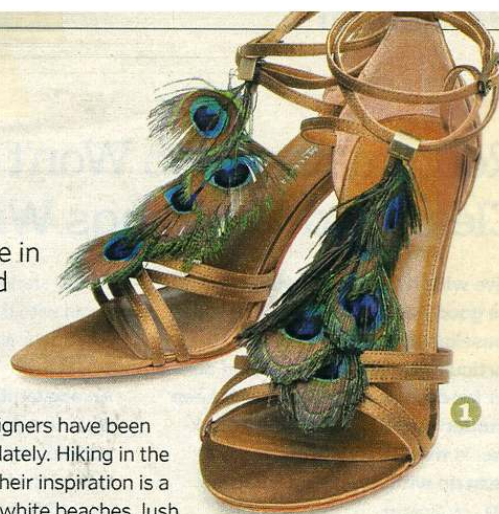
Other earthly delights include pocket-books with bamboo handles or ones made of silk to resemble blooming plants, polished wood earrings and bracelets, and winsome straw hats and totes.

## HOW TO WEAR IT

Seashell accessories are chic, flattering, and as versatile as pearls. For more drama, pile on some dark wood bangles and necklaces in a mix of interesting shapes.

## WHERE TO FIND IT

Nature calls at Karen Millen, Copley Place, Boston, 617-262-4111; Gretta Luxe, Copley Place, Boston, 617-536-1959, and 94 Central Street, Wellesley, 781-237-7010; and Cibeline, 85 Holland Street, Somerville, 617-625-2229. — Tina Sutton



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1. BRONZE SANDALS with peacock feathers, \$215. At Karen Millen.
2. TOP WITH SHELL BUCKLE, \$125. At Karen Millen.
3. FEMME METALE silk bag, \$75. At Cibeline.
4. STERLING JONES "Carved" bracelet of ebony and coral, \$85. At Gretta Luxe.
5. STERLING JONES "Coco" earrings with coconut-shell pieces, \$120. At Gretta Luxe.

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