

Pigeons

AKA: Feral Pigeon, Domestic Pigeon, Rock Dove, City Pigeon, Street Pigeon, etc.

Scientific Classification: Animalia, Chordata, Aves, Columbiformes, Columbidae; Columba; C. Livia

Bird Size & Markings: An adult pigeon is about 14" long, stands 12" high and has a 24" wingspan. While wild pigeons weigh about 14 ounces, overfed domestic pigeons can exceed 18 ounces. Wild rock doves are pale grey with 2 black bars on each wing. Markings for domestic (interbred) pigeons vary widely in both colors and patterns.

Habitat: Pigeons find building ledges to be a substitute for naturally occurring cliffs ledges. Pigeons have adapted well to urban life, and are abundant in towns and cities throughout the world. They inhabit every continent except Antarctica.

Nesting/Dens: Pigeons pair for life and can hatch broods six times a year. A brood can fledge in just 30 days. While they can live in solitary pairs, pigeons prefer to exist in flocks from 10 to 500 birds. Pigeons can and will build nests on any flat surface that will hold the loosely bundled sticks and debris that comprises their nests.

Food: In the wild, pigeons eat seeds, berries, fruits, etc. City pigeons eat whatever is made available to them by humans. This includes everything from garbage in restaurant dumpsters to popcorn thrown to them in the park.

Impact on Human Health: More than 60 diseases have been identified in bird droppings. Each pigeon contributes to the problem by depositing up to 25 pounds of droppings per year. By returning to the same roosts, pigeons create conditions ideal for the growth of unwanted organisms, disease and parasites.

Impact on Architecture: Bird droppings are hazardous to your property. Left untouched, pigeon droppings can ruin all types of building material. It corrodes steel, rots wood, deteriorates concrete. Each bird can generate 25 pounds of waste; a large flock can quickly overload signs, roofs, awnings, canopies, and bridges.

Pigeon Control Methods:

Bird Spikes: *Premium Nixalite Stainless Spikes, E-Spike Economy Stainless Spikes and Composite or Plastic Pigeon Spikes.*

Bird Netting: *K-Net HT Bird Netting, Bird-Net Bird Netting, PollyNet Bird Netting, EnduraNet Bird & Bat Netting, BareHand Crop & Vineyard Netting, Net-Zooka Net Launchers, Welded Wire Mesh.*

Area Dispersal: Fogging with *Fog Force Bird Fogging Repellent, Bird Hazing* with aerosol generators, *Acoustic Dispersal* with HyperSpike acoustic hammers.

Additional Products: *Bird-Zap Shock Track, FliteLine Post & Wire, Live Capture Bird Traps, PiGNX, Tanglefoot, and 4-The-Birds* repellent pastes.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to check local, state and federal regulations regarding the control of bird and/or animal species.

Simply purchasing the best control does not guarantee success. Best results come from a thorough knowledge of both the species and the product or method you employ. If you have any questions, please contact Nixalite of America Inc and speak with a bird control product specialist.



A trio of pigeons display the pale grey coat and 2 black bar pattern that identifies them as wild rock doves.



Pigeons will nest on any surface that will hold the loosely piled sticks and debris that makes up their nests.



Bird droppings can harbor disease, parasites and other harmful organisms. They are corrosive and will damage surfaces if not cleaned.

Note: factual content from Wikipedia, Audubon, US Center for Disease Control and others.



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