

Pigeon Facts

FAST FACTS: PIGEONS

Scientific name: **Columba livia**

Average weight: **9 - 13 ounces**

Average wingspan: **20-26 inches**

DID YOU KNOW?

Pigeons are the **number one pest bird** in the United States and around the world.



9 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PIGEONS



1 Pigeons are found in virtually every urban area of the world. There are over **400 million pigeons worldwide**, and their populations have been growing as more areas become urbanized. Pigeon populations in large cities like New York City can reach 1 million birds.



2 The nests of pigeons can be found along building ledges, rafters, beams, and under bridges or inside barns. The **young will leave the nest 25 to 29 days after hatching**.



3 Pigeons breed during **all seasons**, but they reproduce mostly in the spring and fall. A population of pigeons is typically made up of equal numbers of males and females.



4 A single pigeon can produce up to **25 pounds of droppings annually**. These can carry and spread diseases to both people and livestock. The droppings may also harbor airborne spores that transmit diseases—like histoplasmosis, a systemic fungus that can infect humans.



5 Pigeons flocking around airports can create potential **bird-aircraft collisions** and are considered a hazard to jet aircraft by the US Air Force.



6 In urban populations, pigeons seldom live more than 3 or 4 years. The birds have grown increasingly **dependent on humans for food and shelter**, and for roosting, loafing and nesting.



7 The acidic nature of **pigeon droppings can deface and damage many surfaces**. The droppings can also kill vegetation.



8 Pigeons feed in flocks and will eat seeds and fruits and can subsist on street scraps. They **consume about 30 grams of dry food per day**, or about 10% of their body weight.



9 Usually drawn to free-standing water and sometimes snow, pigeons only need **1 ounce of water per day** to survive.

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