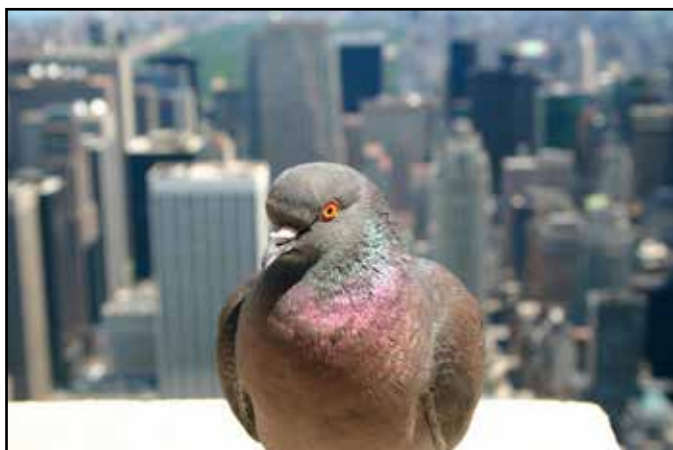




## Pigeon Facts



### Fast Facts: Rock Pigeon

Scientific name: *Columba livia*

Average weight: 9 - 11 oz

Average wingspan: 19.7 - 26.4 in

### Did you know?

Pigeons can find their way home, even if released from a distant location blindfolded. They can navigate by sensing the earth's magnetic fields.

### Interesting Facts about Rock Pigeons

1. Pigeons are complex and one of the most intelligent birds in nature. They are one of only a small number of species to pass the "mirror test". They can recognize themselves in a mirror, each letter of the human alphabet and differentiate between different people with in a photo.
2. Pigeons are renowned for their navigational abilities. They use a range of skills, such as using the sun as a guide and an internal "magnetic compass" to find their way around. They have been known to use man-made roads and freeways to travel along, even changing directions at junctions.
3. Pigeons are highly sociable animals, and are often seen in flocks of 20-30 birds.
4. They will mate for life, and will raise their chicks in the same spots year after year.
5. Pigeons have excellent hearing abilities, detecting sounds at far lower frequencies than humans.
6. Pigeons can fly at altitudes up to and beyond 6000 feet, and at an average speed of 77 mph. The fastest recorded speed is 92.5 mph.



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Feral pigeons found in most cities are descendants of the Rock Doves or Pigeons. They build nests high on cliffs where there are few predators and lots of shelter, very similar to our big city buildings. Pigeons are very comfortable perched high on tall buildings looking down for food or a nice place to build a nest. To encourage them to leave you need to make them uncomfortable, and that is where safe and humane pigeon control products come in.

### Humane Pigeon Deterrents



#### Bird Spikes

One of the best products to keep pigeons from landing on buildings are [bird spikes](#). The spiked strips create uneven landing areas. The pigeons will move on looking for a more suitable area to land, roost and nest. The spikes are available in plastic and stainless steel, are easy to install using glue, screws or tie downs. They are manufactured in the USA with UV protected materials, so they will last a long time on your building. Bird B Gone spikes are considered a humane product by such agencies as PETA and the Humane Society.



#### Bird Netting

To exclude pigeons from areas such as under eaves, canopies, overhangs and loading docks; and to keep them out of airplane hangars, big box stores, food-processing plants, warehouses and other large buildings, use bird netting. Bird netting is used to exclude birds from specific areas. Once the bird netting is installed it is virtually invisible and will last for years. Bird B Gone [Heavy Duty Bird Netting](#) (black) has a 10-year guarantee, is thoroughly inspected for defect and is easily installed using any of the bird net hardware available from Bird B Gone, Inc.



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### Electric Bird Deterrent Tracks

Another way to keep pest pigeons from landing and roosting on building ledges, parapet walls, and other flat areas is to install an electric track system such as [Bird Jolt Flat Track™](#). The track is easy to install using adhesive on just about any surface. When pigeons come in contact with the track they will get a small “jolt” which conditions them to leave the area for a more hospitable place. Once installed Bird Jolt Flat Track™ is the lowest physical bird deterrent on the market making it ideal for intricate architecture. The track is UV protected, is made in the USA and carries a 10-year guarantee.

### Solar Sound Bird Deterrents

The [Solar Bird Chase Super Sonic](#) is a programmable sound deterrent used to deter birds from large open spaces. The unit is weather resistant and is solar so that it can play during cloudy weather.

#### HOW IT WORKS:

Birds hear on the same level of humans and do not hear ultrasonic noises. The Solar Bird Chase Super Sonic features actual distress and predator calls of over 24 types of birds. These sounds are played every ten minutes to alert birds of danger. When birds hear these calls, their natural instinct is to flee the area.



### Laser Bird Deterrents

A new product on the market that is ideal for flocking pigeons is the [Agrilaser® Lite](#). This laser bird deterrent is ideal for pigeons flying in large groups or flocks in park areas, city centers, golf courses and other open spaces that people gather. The Agrilaser® Lite, now available at Bird B Gone, repels pigeons during lighting conditions of 10,000 Lux or less, which can be compared with cloudy weather. Birds perceive the laser beam as an approaching physical danger and fly away in search for safer grounds. Unlike conventional methods of bird deterrence, there will be no habituation effect. After consistent use, birds will perceive the area as unsafe and will not return.



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