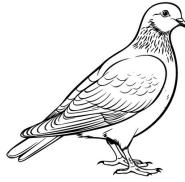
ANIMALS!

YOU HEARD ME!



FEATURED ANIMAL: Columba Livia var. domestica

https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/243250695



AKA "Rock Doves", or "Pigeons", without qualifiers

Pigeons don't deserve what's being done to them! Bird spikes! Poison! Glue traps! Food infused with birth control! Ever wonder why there are so many pigeons around the city? Humans

kidnapped, domesticated, and then abandoned pigeons as a species (city pigeons are feral rather than wild). They make a meager living on our scraps in a hostile environment... bereft of natural, healthy food sources and full of cars, predators, and humans who hate them for existing. They live here with us because that's what they are used to! For all we've done, the least we can do is help them live free and unmolested!



See Next Page for Examples of Pigeon Food!

The Pigeon Issue Year: Wood Dragon Moon: Osmanthus (#8)



Did you know?

Healthy pigeon droppings are not watery!

When pigeons eat food that is appropriate for them (seeds!) and are not ill, their droppings contain a non-slimy, compact green solid (fecal content) topped with a bit of white (urine content).

A little raisin with a beret!

More in-depth info

(CW: images of viscera and poo): https://www.auspigeonco.com.au/droppinginterpretation.html

BRING BACK THE DOVECOTE!

Let Pigeons Live Rent-Free; But This Time, Don't Eat the Tenants

If humans provided free, attractive pigeon housing again, wouldn't that solve a lot of urban human problems? There would be much fewer roosting and nesting pigeons on balconies, under awnings, and on skytrain platforms!

What is a dovecote? Imagine a little house with bird-sized holes on the sides. You enter: the interior is a single room with uniformly-spaced cubbies in the walls, from top to bottom, on all sides. These are nesting cavities for pigeons!

People built dovecotes in Europe and the Middle East going back hundreds of years. The design of a dovecote was intended for making pigeons and their eggs accessible to humans, to kill for food (droppings were also harvested). New dovecote designs can reflect the need to simply house pigeons rather than provide ourselves with a supply of animals to consume. We could even revisit the utility of pigeon poop while we're at it!

Think about building something! Get started: https://pigeonpedia.com/free-dovecote-plans/

ALBUM REVIEW:





the full pigeon by Louie Zong

"It strikes me as evening music" -- A. Fox

A compilation of 14 tracks from two separately-released albums (pigeon! and pigeon, too!). It is jazz

with heart, evocative of the busy, rich lives pigeons lead... peckin', boppin', struttin', and romancin' on top of urban structures, beneath our notice. This album is infused with appreciation for pigeons and respect for their interiority and personality. Favourite track: pharoah sandwich

Listen for free at:

https://louiezong.bandcamp.com/album/the-full-pigeon

Did you know?





Pigeons often have mangled feet and missing toes because of our garbage! They get caught up in bits of string, yarn, floss, human hair (most common), which constrict and slice through flesh and bone! Pigeons who are bound up like this have **stringfoot**. They suffer a lot of pain and can't do anything to help themselves.

Carry a destringing kit and learn how to help pigeons:

- https://www.stringfootpigeon.com/
- https://destringers-field-guide.com/ (contains a PDF of website's contents)
- https://computerlab.io/2020/06/11/how-tohelp-a-stringfoot-pigeon/

Did you know?



Pigeons naturally build nests on cliffsides. They are accustomed to laying their eggs on rock, which is why you see images of pigeon nests consisting of a couple twigs on bare concrete.

Pigeons are Seed-eaters!

Alphabetized list of some seeds that pigeons and doves like

black rape buckwheat canary seed cinquantino corn dari - kafir corn dunbeans/tic beans green pea health seed hemp hulled barley linseed/flaxseed maple pea milo maize mungbeans paddy rice plata corn polished rice popcorn safflower short barley striped sunflower vetch wheat white millet white pea yellow corn yellow millet

NOTE: Pigeons recognize faces and remember

who treats them with kindness...

source: https://www.pigeonrescue.org/2019/10/30/how-when-to-feed-a-pigeon-who-isnt-eating/

In addition to these... pigeons go wild for peanuts (unshelled)!



Be a friend to pigeons!

Learn how to care for them and what to do if you find one in distress!