

# Feral Pigeon

## Common Names

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Rock Dove

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Domestic Pigeon

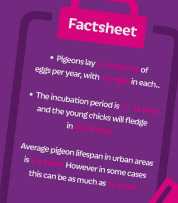
## Scientific Name

**Columba Livia**

The feral pigeon is the scourge of many towns and cities and are often attracted by the general public feeding them in inappropriate areas.



This can result in large flocks gathering on buildings and monuments, leading to damage through their guano (droppings) and nest building activities.



## Factsheet

- Pigeons lay **2-3** clutches of eggs per year, with **1-2** eggs in each..

- The incubation period is **17-19** days and the young chicks will fledge in **20-28** days.

Average pigeon lifespan in urban areas is **3-4** years. However in some cases this can be as much as **15** years.

## Diseases

Pigeons carry more than 50 diseases e.g. Ornithosis, Salmonellosis.



They can also cause various allergies and can be a contributing factor in asthma for many people.



Stopping pigeons from roosting on your building (proofing)



Pigeons can perch on a ledge as narrow as 1cm.

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Some of the proofing measures we can use are:

Spiking

Netting

Post and Wire

Gels