

Pigeons



Pigeon (*Columba*)

Getting rid of pigeons nesting on your property will get rid of both a health risk and an unsightly mess. Pigeons tend to nest along building ledges, on A/C units, on window sills, under bridges, in parking structures and similar areas. They are gregarious, and are usually found in small flocks numbering between twenty and thirty birds. Unlike many birds, pigeons are not migratory, and can be extremely stubborn about their nesting sites. They do not have a single breeding season, and can have between four and five broods each year. A clutch of eggs takes about eighteen days to hatch, and the fledglings will be mature enough to leave the nest after thirty-five days.

Historically, pigeons are descendants of the rock dove and were brought into the country by early immigrants. There are over 300 different species of this bird. Pigeons and doves (of the Columbidae family) are distributed everywhere on Earth.

Overall, the Columbidae tend to have short bills and legs. They are also noted for their small heads on large compact bodies. The wings are large and have low wing loadings. Pigeons have strong wing muscles and are amongst the strongest fliers of all birds. They are also highly maneuverable in flight. The family has adapted to most of the habitats available on the planet. Seeds and fruit form the major component of the diet of pigeons and doves. In fact, the family can be divided into the seed eating and the fruit eating species.

Pigeons produce a large quantity of droppings, which can mar the appearance of your home or business. In addition, their droppings tend to be slippery, and can pose a fall hazard. Like most birds, pigeons' feces contains uric acid, which, due to its corrosive nature, can cause etching in automobile paint and structural damage to residential and commercial buildings; roofs are particularly vulnerable. Pigeon droppings contain bacterial, fungal, and parasitic agents that can affect both humans and companion animals.

Permanent control of the pigeon population is extremely difficult due to the facts that they have adapted to stress and there are many sources of food made available to them in the urban environment. The most effective control available is the alteration of their environment.

If you're having problems with pigeons nesting on your property, The Animal Movers can help. Call us at (416)-410-6323 or 1-800-, and we will drive off the flock, remove any nests they've built, and install bird-proofing measures to keep them from returning. If a pigeon has become caught in your chimney or has made its way into the building, call us immediately and we will arrive as soon as possible to take care of the safe, humane capture and removal of the bird.

See information and a sample of Pigeon Tracks [here](#).