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Special facts

They are often used as entertainment during weddings.

Pigeons generally return to their own nests. Sometimes domestic pigeons can find their way home. They find their way home in long distances.

Because the domestic pigeons always find their way home, they were used as homing pigeons.

Homing pigeons means you can stick them a letter on the leg and they fly home. So the other person gets the message.

Domestic pigeons are rather heavy for their size and therefore quite slow if they need to get away from their enemies.

The main enemies are humans.

Many pigeons were eaten
because they were a delicacy.

Feeding

In spring and summer, domestic pigeons often feed in parks and gardens.

They are eating worms, snails, small insects or spiders. But they find lots of food in city centres, f.e. bread, biscuits and cake

Family life

Domestic pigeons lives in a nest.

They are keepin their eggs in a nest warm. The eggs are hatchin in 18 days.

For the first five days the chicks are fed on "pigeon milk".