

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.

Enemies

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

But also cats, foxes, weasels and rats all eat pigeons when they can access nests or catch adults.

The main enemies are humans.

Many pigeons were eaten because they were a delicacy.

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

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

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

They are often used as entertainment during weddings.

Special facts

Family life

Domestic pigeons lives in a nest.

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

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