



Pigeons for Peace!

Yes, doves are beautiful, but pigeons are incredible birds too (they are actually doves anyway, but did you ever hear a pigeon complain?!). Pigeons are probably very familiar to a lot of us, and are often misunderstood.

Did you know?



- The family name for pigeons and doves is Columbidae.
- In languages other than English, there is often not a distinction between 'pigeon' and 'dove'.
- Pigeons, like swans, bond in pairs for life.
- Both male and female pigeons produce 'milk' to feed their young.
- Baby pigeons are called 'squabs'.
- The natural habitat of a pigeon is sea cliffs; that is why they like to nest high up on buildings in cities.
- Pigeons are excellent fliers and can launch into flight at great speed.
- Pigeons have been bred for many purposes including racing and carrying messages. The 'Birmingham roller' breed can do backward somersaults mid-flight!
- Feral (or 'urban') pigeons are birds that have returned to the wild, after being domesticated by humans.
- Many pigeons were given medals for their 'service' during the First and Second World War.
- The dodo was a type of pigeon.



The Coronavirus outbreak has been an extremely challenging time. We have had to use all our resources, strength, creativity, patience and empathy. Staying positive and finding hope is our next challenge as we face changing and different times ahead. Now is a really good time to think about what kind of a future we can work towards together. Do you have an idea or a message for Peace as we slowly emerge from lockdown?

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On this page is your own pigeon to cut out and stick up in your window. It could be a pigeon-ey colour like grey, white or brown (or any other colour you like!)

Make as many as you like and let your ideas fly!

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