

Pigeons

(Columba livia domestica)



Feral pigeons can be found in large numbers in towns and cities, and this is predominantly down to the potential food sources that they can find within human populated areas. Feeding pigeons within your garden, the streets or other greenspaces encourages other pests, such as rodents, and will only serve to increase pigeon numbers as they become accustomed and dependent on the people feeding them. This associated human feeding often leads to neighbours being unhappy with the increased frequency of visiting birds and the fouling and damage to property which accompanies large volumes of pigeons can affect buildings by corroding the structures and causing a mess on cars and garden areas and line-washings. Pigeons are very capable of feeding for themselves with a diet of seeds, insects and worms. Please allow them to feed naturally. Pigeon guano can be harmful and build ups of guano cause corrosion to buildings and can be damaging to our health.

- As a homeowner/occupier it is your responsibility to ensure your property, especially roof spaces, are adequately sealed to prevent pigeons nesting within.
- If you have solar panels you may wish to engage with a Pest Control Contractor to discuss netting around the panels to stop pigeons from nesting underneath.
- Heavy fouling occurs at the places where the birds roost, such as monuments and large buildings with ledges. This is not only unsightly, but has a destructive effect, as the acidic droppings will erode the stonework over time. Gutters and down pipes often become blocked, leading to localised flooding and associated problems. The nests become more substantial with each brood raised.
- If you have issues with Pigeons around your property, please contact a **Pest Control Contractor** who can survey your property and offer a treatment plan.