

The Pigeon

Since its domestication many thousands of years ago, the pigeon has been revered by many religions, including Hindu, Islam, Christian and Sikh. Although Neolithic man (circa 8500 BC onwards) undoubtedly domesticated the rock dove, there is little indication that the bird was used for anything but food. The pigeon is probably best known for its ability to return 'home' from long distances and has therefore been used extensively throughout history as a **messenger**, dating as far back as 2500 BC and continuing into the 21st century. In Christian and Jewish symbolism **pigeon** that is manifestation of Holy Spirit in New Testament is symbol of purity, simplicity and even when carries olive branch into Noah ship is symbol of **peace**.

SCOPE- To explore many facets of this bird, the homing ability to perform a role of a messenger during times of peace and war and moreover love making demeanors, beside its relevance and mention in major religions, unique fact sheet of very existence of pigeon in avian world which often is spectacular, sometimes unexpected, and always fascinating.



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1960. New Zealand Pigeon. Health stamps-Charity / Sur-charged, Pre decimal issue MS, Plate A - Position 1 Printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ld. New Malden, Surrey

PURPOSE- To rediscover the backyard bird we call it as Pigeon, its very purpose of existence in human world.

METHODOLOGY- Historically pigeons have survived much before the new world birds have arrived on the avian scene and found its relevance in human life. Reference have been found in Biblical times right through two world wars and modern times before onset of Airmail, carrying messages, due to its homing abilities.

RESEARCH- Several religious theories, books of worship, Police diary, War diary, fact sheet of biological importance and few others documents contribute enough evidences for deep insight. This exhibit contributes to lesser explored world woven around this Bird of **Columbidae** family of **Columbiformes** Order of Class **Aves** of Phylum **Chordata** of the Kingdom **Animalia**.



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