

3. NAVIGATION & HOMING

There are many theories about how pigeons manage to return 'home' when released 100s of miles from their loft. A champion racing pigeon can be released 400-600 miles away from its home and still return within the day. This amazing feat does not just apply to 'racing' or 'homing' pigeons; all pigeons have the ability to return to their roost. A 10-year study carried out by Oxford University concluded that pigeons use roads and motorways to navigate, in some cases even changing direction at motorway junctions. Other theories include navigation by use of the earth's magnetic field, visual clues such as landmarks, the sun and even infrasound (low frequency seismic waves). Whatever the truth, this unique ability makes the pigeon a very special bird.



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... he sent forth
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Gen. 8:8

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