

# RigeonWatch

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

# Why are there so many colors of pigeons?

#### PREPARE to conduct PigeonWatch

- 1. Learn about pigeon color morphs and courtship behaviors.
- 2. Find a Study Site for PigeonWatch.
  - Look for pigeons that gather in flocks and are accustomed to people
  - Find a place to stand or sit close to your pigeons
- 3. Fill out a Habitat Form.

For each Study Site you only need to complete one Habitat Form.

4. Practice PigeonWatching (optional).

### **CONDUCT PigeonWatch**

#### 1. On the Tally Sheet, fill in

- a. your name, e-mail address (optional), and identification number (optional)
- b. the number and description of your Study Site (assign a number to the location where you will watch pigeons and describe it--make sure it matches your Habitat Form), zip code for your Study Site, date of observations, and start time

#### 2. Count the pigeons.

- a. Count the total number of pigeons in the flock: Record Flock Count # 1 on the Tally Sheet.
- b. Count the pigeons by color and record the Color Count # 1 on the Tally Sheet.
- (Optional) While you count, watch for courting birds. If you see two birds courting, record their colors on Courtship Count # 1.

#### 3. Count the pigeons a second time.

- a. Count the total number of pigeons in the flock: Record Flock Count # 2 on the Tally Sheet.
- b. Count the pigeons by color and record the Color Count # 2 on the Tally Sheet.
- (Optional) While you count, watch for courting birds. If you see two birds courting, record their colors on Courtship Count # 2.

#### 4. Before leaving your Study Site, record

- a. weather
- b. other notes
- c. end time

#### 5. Submit your data

Mail your Habitat Forms and Tally Sheets to: **PigeonWatch** Cornell Lab of Ornithology 159 Sapsucker Woods Road Ithaca, NY 14850



- a Tally Sheet printed from the web site for recording your data
- pen or pencil and clipboard or other hard surface
- pigeon food (if allowed; stale bread, cracked corn, bird seed, popcorn, cereal, matzo)

#### **Optional:**

- · binoculars
- · camera
- a bird field guide





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# **TALLY SHEET**

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