

211a Identification of Pigeons

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IDENTIFICATION OF ADULTS AND JUVENILES OF PIGEONS (FERAL PIGEON, STOCK DOVE AND WOOD PIGEON)

ALL AGES

In **all ages** can be separated by pattern of wing and rump.



Pattern of underwing:

Top Feral Pigeon: with white underwing coverts.

Middle Stock Dove: with intense bluish underwing coverts.

Bottom Wood Pigeon: with pale bluish underwing coverts.

Pattern of upperwing:

Top Feral Pigeon: with two long black bands.

Middle Stock Dove: with two short black bands.

Bottom Wood Pigeon: with a white patch.



Pattern of rump:

Left Feral Pigeon: with white rump.

Middle Stock Dove: without white rump.

Right Wood Pigeon: without white rump.

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ADULTS

Adults can be separated by pattern of neck and bill and iris colour



Pattern of neck, bill and iris:

Top Feral Pigeon: with green and purple iridescence on neck, black bill and reddish iris.

Middle Stock Dove: with green and purple iridescence on neck, pinkish bill and dark iris.

Bottom Wood Pigeon: with a white patch on neck, reddish bill and yellow iris.