

Enemies

Domestic pigeons are rather heavy for their size and therefore quite slow if they need to get away from their enemies. This is why they very easily become a prey for hawks. But also cats, foxes, weasels and rats all eat pigeons when they can access nests or catch adults. The main enemies are humans. In ancient Egypt pigeons were a delicacy. In around 1890, people in Vienna used to eat about 750,000 pigeons per year.