Habitat



The domestic pigeon is *descended* from the rock pigeon. The rock pigeon's natural habitat is cliffs, usually on coasts. Some 6,000 years ago, the rock pigeon was domesticated, but many domestic birds escaped or were set free over the years. This is why domestic pigeons are now seen in cities in many parts of the world. City habitats are in some ways similar to coastal cliffs. A lot of the buildings are made from stone. Many of these towers and houses offer pigeons ideal hiding places.