



Dove Detectives

INSTRUCTIONS

What urban habitats do different doves and pigeons use?

It's EASY!

1. Find one or more Study Sites by looking for pigeons and doves.
2. Record the habitat information on simple Habitat Forms (only completed once per Study Site).
3. Count the pigeons and doves and record their behaviors (as many times as you wish).
4. Report your data to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

PREPARE to conduct Dove Detectives.

1. Learn how to identify species of pigeons and doves in your city.
2. Find a Study Site for conducting Dove Detectives.
3. Fill out a Habitat Form.
For each Study Site you only need to complete one Habitat Form.
4. Practice observing doves and pigeons (optional).

CONDUCT Dove Detectives.

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 doves and describe it--make sure it matches your Habitat Form), zip code for your Study Site, date of observations, and start time
- c. the species you are observing

2. Count the pigeons and doves by species.

- a. Count the number of birds of each species.
- b. Check-mark the locations and behavior(s) of each species observed.
- c. Before leaving your Study Site, record
 - i. weather
 - ii. other notes
 - iii. end time

3. Submit your data.

Mail your Habitat Forms and Tally Sheets to:
Urban Bird Studies / Dove Detectives
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

*You may include any questions, comments and concerns in the same envelope.
Send only one Habitat Form per Study Site—you can send many Tally Sheets for each Study Site.*

MATERIALS NEEDED

- a Tally Sheet printed from the web site for recording your data
- pen or pencil and clipboard or other hard surface

Optional:

- a bird field guide
- binoculars
- camera



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TALLY SHEET

Name of your group (optional) _____ Your Name: _____

Email address: _____ Id Number: _____

Study Site Number and Description: _____

Zip Code: _____ Date: _____ Start time: _____ End time: _____

Weather:

Approximate Temperature: °C °F

Precipitation (*Choose one*):

- none rain
 rain & snow snow

Snow Cover on Ground (*Choose one*):

- none less than 2 inches
 2-4 inches 4-6 inches
 more than 6 inches

Species #1:

Count	WHERE SEEN (<i>Check all that apply</i>):	HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND (<i>Check all that apply</i>):	BEHAVIORS (<i>Check all that apply</i>):
	<input type="checkbox"/> On the ground <input type="checkbox"/> In a tree/bush <input type="checkbox"/> On statue/fountain <input type="checkbox"/> On window/balcony <input type="checkbox"/> On rooftop <input type="checkbox"/> On bridge <input type="checkbox"/> On wire/post	<input type="checkbox"/> On the ground <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1 story <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 stories <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding/drinking <input type="checkbox"/> Perching/resting <input type="checkbox"/> Courting/chasing <input type="checkbox"/> Flying <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Species #2:

Count	WHERE SEEN (<i>Check all that apply</i>):	HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND (<i>Check all that apply</i>):	BEHAVIORS (<i>Check all that apply</i>):
	<input type="checkbox"/> On the ground <input type="checkbox"/> In a tree/bush <input type="checkbox"/> On statue/fountain <input type="checkbox"/> On window/balcony <input type="checkbox"/> On rooftop <input type="checkbox"/> On bridge <input type="checkbox"/> On wire/post	<input type="checkbox"/> On the ground <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1 story <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 stories <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding/drinking <input type="checkbox"/> Perching/resting <input type="checkbox"/> Courting/chasing <input type="checkbox"/> Flying <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Notes: