

Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon

Otidiphaps nobilis nobilis



Class: *Aves*

Order: *Columbiformes*

Family: *Columbidae*

Characteristics:

Brightly-colored, large members of the pigeon family with a copper body, iridescent head and tail, red eye ring, bright orange beak and green collar on back of the neck (hence the name green-naped). Their tail is laterally compressed like a pheasant ([Birds of the World](#)). They have strong legs for ground-dwelling.

Behavior:

Although the green-naped pheasant pigeon is classified in the pigeon family, it behaves like-and occupy-the niche of pheasants in the habitat, hence the name. The pheasant pigeon lives on the rainforest floor feeding on fallen fruits, and when startled it flushes like a pheasant ([Pandemonium Aviaries](#)).

Reproduction:

Green-naped pheasant pigeon is a ground nester that lays a single egg under a bush or tree. The egg hatches at about 4 weeks ([National Aviary](#)). It would appear both parents care for the chick and feed it regurgitated crop milk which is common for pigeons ([Milwaukee Zoo](#)).

Diet:

Wild: Fallen fruit and seeds on the forest floor

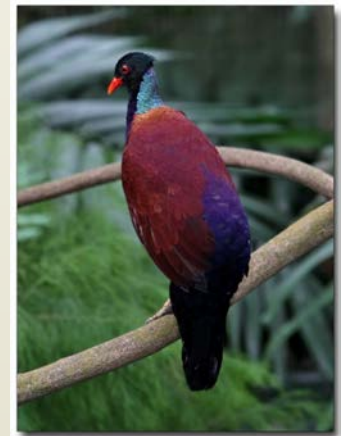
Zoo: Fruits, vegetables, greens, pheasant grains

Conservation:

Listed as Least Concern according to IUCN, the pheasant pigeon may be declining in numbers due to a loss of forest habitat, but the decline has not been quantified ([Bird Life](#)).

FYI:

Shy birds that seem to be moving farther away from human inhabited areas as forests disappear as such, little is known about their wild behavior and most knowledge of them has come from their captive breeding program managed by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



Range & Habitat:

Lives on the forest floor in lower mountain rainforests



Lifespan: unknown, but most pigeons live an average of 2 to 3 years.

Special Adaptations: See its green nape and hear its unique call by clicking [here](#).

IUCN Conservation Status:

Least Concern

