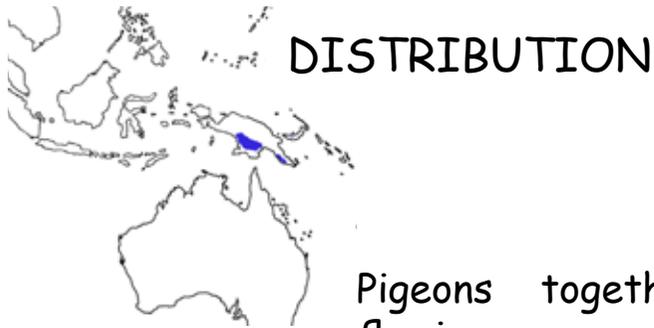


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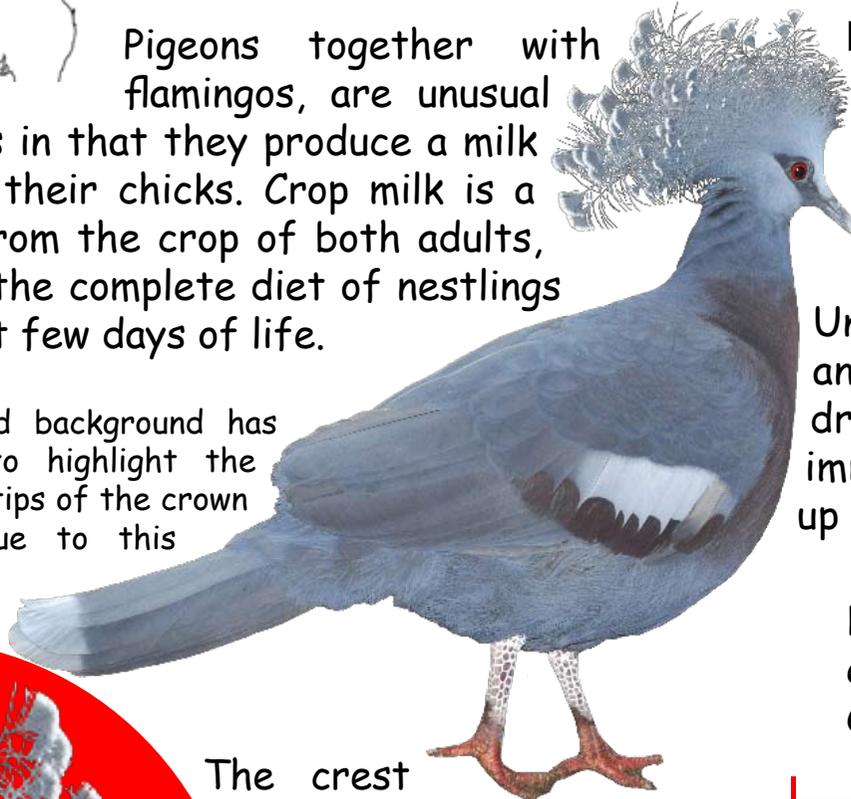
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DISTRIBUTION

Pigeons together with flamingos, are unusual among birds in that they produce a milk to feed to their chicks. Crop milk is a secretion from the crop of both adults, this forms the complete diet of nestlings for the first few days of life.

Note: The red background has been added to highlight the striking white tips of the crown feathers unique to this species.



The crest is so large and beautiful that these birds have been hunted as much as the Birds of Paradise.

Now the Dodo is extinct the Victoria Crowned Pigeon is the largest member of the Pigeon family.

Unlike other birds, Pigeons and Doves do not sip when drinking, but instead they immerse their bill, sucking up water.

Due to continuing habitat loss, being tame and easily hunted for its plumes and meat, the Victoria Crowned Pigeon is becoming quite rare.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Northern New Guinea and surrounding islands
Habitat	Swamp forests
Diet	Fruits, figs, seeds and invertebrates
Average length	70-75cm
Average weight	2.25-2.5kg
Number of eggs	Usually just 1
Incubation	28 days

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for the Victoria Crowned Pigeon

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