

# Feral Pigeon

Feral pigeons can cause many risks from the accumulation of bird droppings and nesting materials. These birds have been known to spread diseases such as Salmonella, Toxoplasmosis, and Histoplasmosis.

The diseases that pigeons carry are often found on the mites, which spread from location to location and inhabiting the birds' nesting materials. Bacteria often reside in bird droppings as well. Any mites left in the nesting materials once the bird leaves will then move on to find another blood feed, which could be you.

## **Pigeon droppings and nesting materials around food may spread bacteria & viruses.**

Bird droppings are very acidic and can actually eat away at various substrates, causing leaks in roofs, damage to paint finishes on cars and other painted surfaces, and corrosion in wiring and other machinery parts.

These same bird droppings and associated bird nesting materials can also cause machinery to clog, and can accumulate and block gutters causing water to run off in undesirable areas, leading to leaks, and in some cases, roof collapses.

Ventilation ducts and air conditioning units are favourite nesting spots for pigeons due to the warmth expelled. Often the bird droppings and bird nesting materials will block these areas, causing the machinery to operate inefficiently and clog.

As these types of birds differ from other pigeons, they tend to nest in areas covered from weather conditions such as canopies and fire escapes. Under the correct conditions these can be slippy and cause unto wards injury.

