

Blue Ground Pigeon

Scientific Name: *Claravis pretiosa*

Class: Aves

Order: Columbiformes

Family: Columbidae



This pigeon is similar to a common dove but of very small size. The male is uniformly greyish white all over, but the wing tips are black, and the wings have strings of diamond-shaped black spots. The female replaces the grey-white color with a light to brown coat.

Range

Their range is southern Mexico and the upper 2/3 of South America.

Habitat

They inhabit dry areas of savanna and open areas.

Gestation

Incubation: 13-14 days.

Litter

Clutch: Usually 2, but often 1 to 3 eggs.

Behavior

They spend days foraging in pairs to small groups.

Reproduction

Breeding depends on the area, but if the food supply is good, it could be year round, though mainly spring into summer. They can form a nest of twigs from the ground up to shrubs.

Wild Diet

Grass seeds, berries, and insects.