



## Common Name Victoria Crowned Pigeon

Scientific Name Goura victoria FAMILY: Columbidae ORDER: Columbiformes AZA MANEGMENT: Signature SSP

### **9** GEOGRAPHIC RANGE



Oceania (Indonesia and Papua New Guinea

NEOTROPICAL

AFRICA

AUSTRALIA

X OTHER

# **MABITAT**

X FOREST

Lowland Forest including swamp-forest.

GRASSLAND

COASTAL

RIVERINE

MONTANE

OTHER

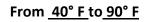
### CIRCADIAN CYCLE

X DIURNAL



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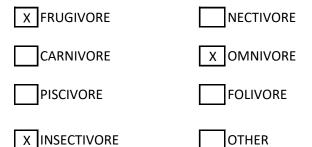
OTHER



Sensitive to low temperatures (below 40 Fahrenheit) and must be kept out of the elements or provided with a heat source and shelter

🍎 DIET

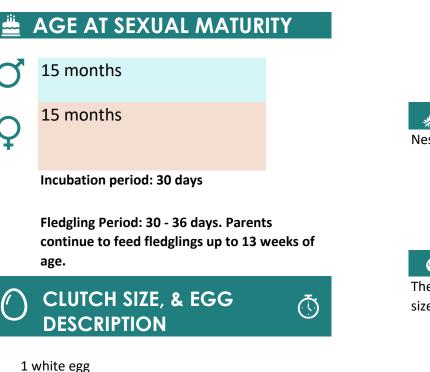
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Commercial softbill, pigeon and/or parrot pellet, mixed fruits, mixed vegetables, seeds and occasionally insects

Median	Life Expectancy	Maximum Longevity
Within AZA In the Wild	,	an live up to 41 years
	A 15-20 years but can live up to 32 years	

# **BREEDING INFORMATION**



### COURTSHIP DISPLAYS

The male courts the female by bowing before her, wagging his fanned tail and "booming". He brings her sticks, which she weaves into a nest.

#### **NEST SITE DESCRIPTION** Nest constructed from compacted leaves and sticks.

### **CHICK DEVELOPMENT**

The chicks are altricial. They are almost naked, covered w size of the adults.

### MAN PARENTAL CARE

Sire and dam share incubation, brooding and chick rearing

# **CAPTIVE HABITAT** INFORMATION

#### SOCIAL STRUCTURE

In the Wild: Feeds on the ground in small groups of 2-10 birds and roosts in trees. They move about in flocks during the day and roost together at night. They forage for food on the ground, perching on the low branches of trees only when disturbed or to roost. NA

In Captivity: Victoria Crowned Pigeons should be housed either in pairs or in small flocks

#### X **MIXED SPECIES EXHIBITS**

**Compatible in mixed** species exhibits?



NO

**Comments:** 

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**OPTIMAL HABITAT SIZE** 

### MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Potential aggressiveness of breeding pairs towards exhibit mates and humans when housed in a walkthrough aviary. This behavior may be alleviated when they are kept in small flocks.

**Minimum Group Size: 2** 

Maximum Group Size: U.S. Zoos are starting to house Victoria Crowned Pigeons in flocks as they

# **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

The Victoria Crowned-pigeon along with the other crowned pigeon species (G. cristata and G. scheepmakeri), are the largest living species of pigeon. They are listed as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and on CITES Appendix II. It is protected by law in Papua New Guinea. This species is hunted for both its meat and feathers. Both hunting and loss of its lowland forest habitat are contributing to its decline.

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ith a filamentous down. Their growth is rapid. In 4 weeks, they are approximately one quarter the

g responsibilities and produce crop milk for the chick.

Victoria Crowned-Pigeons have been successfully housed in mixed species exhibits and with other Columbids including Pied Imperial Pigeons, Nicobar Pigeons, Emerald Doves, Luzon's Bleeding Heart Doves, Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeons, Black-naped fruit doves and Black-chinned fruit doves. They have been housed successfully with various species of waterfowl, passerines, egrets, Ibis, parrots and pheasants.