

Victoria crowned pigeon

Ougi-Bato

Scientific name

Goura victoria

Classification

Columbiformes, Columbidae

Distribution

Indonesia, Papua New Guinea

Feeding Habits

It usually spends a time on the ground and eats seeds and fruits.

Characteristics

With a total length of 58 to 74 cm, it is the largest species of pigeon in the world and is said to be the most beautiful pigeon.

Behavior and ecology

It inhabits the areas below 600 m above sea level in the rainforest and forms a pairs or small herd. During the breeding season, they form a dish-shaped nest on the tree by combining tree branches, leaves, and stems, and lay only one egg at a time. Both a male and a female incubates an egg and rears their chick. The whole body is covered with dark blue-gray feathers, but the feathers on the chest are purplish red. The eyes are red, the head has a fan-shaped crest with white edge. This crest is the origin of the Japanese common name "Ougi-Bato" (It means "Fan-pigeon")

