

Diamond dove

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The Diamond Dove (*Geopelia cuneata*) is a bird resident in Australia

The dove predominantly exists in areas near water but which are lightly arid or semi-arid in nature, being Central, West and Northern Australia. They are one of Australia's smallest pigeons along with the peaceful dove. They have been spotted occasionally in Southern Australia in parks and gardens when the centre of Australia is very dry.

They are small pigeons with a length of 20 cm. The female's eye ring is less vivid and has more of a brown colour to the plumage.



Everyone knows this dove but as a show bird they are not so popular. Today we see many mutations or mutational combinations. Many of those names are uninformative or inaccurate resulting in much confusion among the breeders.

Mutations or Mutation Combinations

Silver
Brilliant
Rufous
Yellow
Peach
Normal white rump
Silver white rump
Brilliant white tail
Cinnamon
Yellow white rump
Normal white tail
Ultimate red

Ochre
Pied
Red
Snow white
Silver white tail
Diamondless pattern



The Distribution of the Diamond Dove



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Pied

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Red

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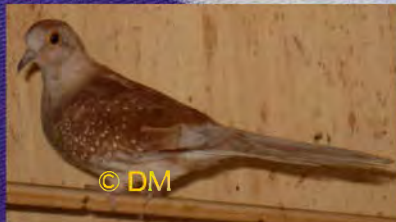
Pied

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Pied

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Colours list used in Europe

New name

Wildtype
 Brown
 Laced
 Laced pastel
 Pastel
 Pastel Brown
 Whitetail
 Whitetail Brown
 Whitetail pastel
 Whitetail pastel Brown
 Satinet
 Agate
 Pied

Old name

Gray (wild type)
 Brown
 No
 Suffused
 Graypastel
 Brownpastel
 Whitetail Gray
 Whitetail Brown
 Whitetail Gray Pastel
 Whitetail Brown pastel
 Cream ino
 Agate or Isabel
 Pied

INHERITANCE

Brown	Sex-linked and recessive
Pastel	Autosomal and recessive
Whitetail	Autosomal and dominant
Laced	Autosomal and recessive
Pied	Autosomal and recessive
Satinet	Sex-linked and recessive

