

Luzon Bleeding-heart Dove

Gallicolumba luzonica

These gorgeous birds are found only in the Philippines and the islands of Luzon, Polillo and Catanduanes.

All Bleeding-heart Doves are remarkable for their breast markings, which appear like a deep, still-bleeding wound, an illusion most perfectly displayed by the Luzon Bleeding-heart. They live in primary and secondary forest from sea-level up to 1400m.

There is not much known about their breeding habits in the wild. A pair in captivity incorporated green vegetation, especially large leaves, into their nest. The young have been recorded flying at 12 days of age, although their tail feathers were barely showing.

They are currently considered to be near-threatened and are generally shy and uncommon so further detailed studies need to be done to assess their true status and population.



Lifespan: 10 Years

Weight: 184 g

Size: 30 cm

Breeding Season: April - June

Incubation Period: 17 Days

Number of Chicks: 2

Diet: Feeds on Seeds, fallen Berries, Insects, Worms and other Invertebrates

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade and food.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. 1