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Species Profile (Passenger Pigeon)

Upon leaving the nest it is often fatter and heavier than the old birds; but it quickly becomes much thinner and lighter, despite the enormous quantity of food it consumes. Evidence being what we sought, we stood concealed behind some bushes to await the spring of the trap.

Memorable Manitobans: George E. Atkinson (1870)

However, they have their feet placed far back on the body, making them quite ungainly on land. In 1870 the birds nested near Goderich, Can.

Details

Wagon loads of them are poured into market, where they sell from fifty to twenty-five and even twelve cents per dozen; and pigeons become the order of the day at dinner, breakfast and supper, until the very name becomes sickening.

University Times » Audubon day: Tale of the passenger pigeon encourages conservation

From then on, the decline of the passenger pigeon was precipitous. The first shipment of birds from Petoskey was upon March 22, and the last upon August 12, making over twenty weeks, or five months, that the bird war was carried on. The characteristic sometimes known as a sixth sense was developed in an unusual way in the passenger pigeon.

Passenger Pigeon (taxidermy)

So the actual pigeon business lasted not five months, as Prof. We were at Angus Station on the Northern Railroad, and the snow was two feet under the nesting.

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