

measured each bird from the extreme tip to tip of wing; and the length of the terminal folded part of the wing, from the extremity of the primaries to the joint of the radius. I measured the feet without the claws, from the end of the middle toe to the end of the hind toe; and the tarsus and middle toe together. I have taken in every case the mean measurement of two wild rock-pigeons from the Shetland Islands, as the standard of comparison. The following table shows the actual length of the feet in each bird;

TABLE. I.

Pigeons with their beaks generally shorter than that of the Rock-pigeon, proportionally to the size of their bodies.

Name of Breed.	Actual length of Feet	Difference between actual and calculated length of feet, in proportion to length of feet and size of body in the Rock-pigeon.	
		Too short by	Too long by
Wild rock-pigeon (mean measurement) ..	2.02		
Short-faced Tumbler, bald-head	1.57	0.11	..
" " almond	1.60	0.16	..
Tumbler, red magpie	1.75	0.19	..
" red common (by standard to end of tail)	1.85	0.07	..
" common bald-head	1.85	0.18	..
" roller	1.80	0.06	..
Turbit	1.75	0.17	..
" " " "	1.80	0.01	..
" " " "	1.84	0.15	..
Jacobin	1.90	0.02	..
Trumpeter, white	2.02	0.06	..
" mottled	1.95	0.18	..
Fantail (by standard to end of tail) ..	1.85	0.15	..
" " " "	1.95	0.15	..
" crested var. " "	1.95	0.0	0.0
Indian Frill-back	1.80	0.19	..
English Frill-back	2.10	0.03	..
Nun	1.82	0.02	..
Laugher	1.65	0.16	..
Barb	2.00	0.03	..
" " " "	2.00	..	0.03
Spot	1.90	0.02	..
" " " "	1.90	0.07	..
Swallow, red	1.85	0.18	..
" blue	2.00	..	0.03
Pouter	2.42	..	0.11
" German	2.30	..	0.09
Bussorah Carrier	2.17	..	0.09
Number of specimens	28	22	5