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Pigeons at Natore Tebaria of Bangladesh: available breeds, crossbreeds, and species with their numbers and overall acceptance

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Abstract

There is no doubt Rajshahi Division and its renowned Natore Tebaria pigeon market is the best place for collecting all sorts of high-graded pigeons. Out of 117 observed pigeons within 10 groups of local and exotic pigeons, structure pigeons were found the highest 38 (33%) on the basis of breeders' opinion. Since this market was significant mainly for exotic fancy pigeons (89%) but there were many local (11%, tumbler, roller, meat-breed) and some practical crossbreeds (local x local, exotic x exotic, local x exotic) for meat and fostering pigeon as well. Gola pigeon is the only meat breed of Bangladesh from the very beginning, and racing homer is the only racing breed in homer group. Most of the sellers and buyers were satisfied to collect their desirable pigeons from this market. This survey was carried out from August 2020 to April 2026.

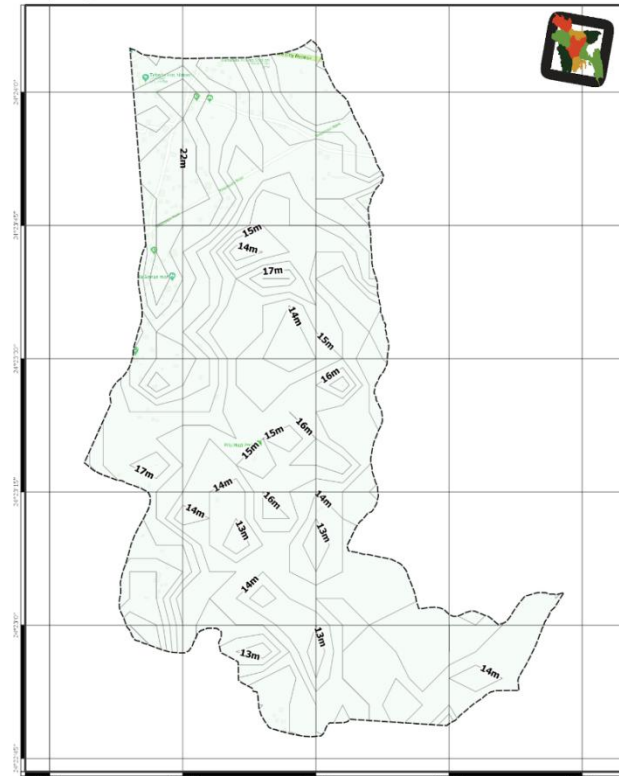
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Exploring at Natore Tebaria market

In Bangladesh, Natore District is the main place for the availability of various fancy pigeons. This market is the largest pigeon market of the northern regions of Bangladesh. Breeders in Natore take pride in raising their many exotic fancy pigeons. At the time of selective breeding, breeders keep in mind on the purity of their pigeons. This pigeon market stands only Sunday in a week from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m. In Rajshahi Division, there are other pigeon markets but this is the best for many pigeons especially variety and types of fancy pigeons. With these pigeons, other local and tumbler pigeons are common at all. The price of those pigeons was reasonable and most of the buyers or sellers are satisfied to handle

their pigeons. Pigeons are sold on the basis of their characteristics especially external physique. Due to crossed with other pigeons, sometimes, breeders do not get the actual markings of the squab. Pigeons also play a role in community bonding. Knowledge about breeding, feeding, and training is traditionally passed down orally, making pigeon keeping a living heritage. The Tebaria market is increasingly attracting tourists, photographers, and bird enthusiasts across Bangladesh and abroad. Colorful pigeons at this market ensure the bondage among all sorts of breeders through sharing their experience. The decimal coordinates of this market were 24.402650 and 88.969636 respectively.

Mouza: Tebaria
 Union: Tebaria
 Upazila: Natore Sadar
 District: NATORE
 Country: Bangladesh



Data Source: The Bangladesh Network
 URL: <https://www.thebangladesh.net>
 Created on: April, 2020.
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Figure 1. Map of Natore Tebaria (red arrow is indicating the Tebaria hat)

Source: <https://www.thebangladesh.net/rajshahi-division/natore-district/natore-sadar-upazila-natore/tebaria-union-natore/tebaria-mouza-natore-sadar-natore.html>



Plate 1. Exotic breeds at Tebaria



Plate 2. Local pigeons at Natore, Tebaria

Table 1. Observed pigeons at Natore Tebaria

Sl.	Pigeons (117)	Colors and patterns
1	Show king	White, black, red, yellow, andalusian, barless
2	Utility king	White
3	Komorner tumbler	Black, red, yellow
4	Felezyhazer tumbler	Red
5	Taganrog tumbler	Black
6	Vienna white shield tumbler	Yellow
7	English long-faced tumbler	Black, white, red

8	English short-faced tumbler (Turibaj in Banga)	Almond, black, red, yellow, white, light print
9	Vienna short-faced tumbler	Black, red, yellow, white
10	Prague short-faced tumbler	Yellow
11	Vienna tumbler	Blue
12	Danish tumbler	Black, white
13	Ancient tumbler	White
14	Rzhev star-tailed tumbler	Red
15	Moos-sulli (ghia sulli in Bangla)	Yellow
16	Brander (chila in Bangladesh)	Bronze
17	Pakistani highflyer/Pakistani teddy	Light and deep print (black spotted on white)
18	Rampuri highflyer	Black-White patches
19	Hungarian (Budapest) dark-storked highflyer	Black
20	Indian fantail	White, black, blue, silky (blue)
21	English fantail	White with yellow tail
22	American fantail	Red, white, almond
23	Govinda kokah*	Red
24	Bashiraj kokah*	Brick red
25	Arabian trumpeter (Arabian kokah in Bangla)	White
26	English trumpeter	Red tiger
27	German beauty homer	Black, blue, white, pied, andalusian
28	Racing homer	Red, yellow, black, white, almond, grizzle, pied, barless
29	Utility homer	White
30	Siamese homer	White
31	Kashmiri homer	Silver
32	Steinheim bagdad (Bagdad homer in Bangladesh)	Pied, andalusian
33	Exhibition homer	Ash-red
34	Giant homer	Blue bar, blue checker
35	Jacobin	White, red, black, andalusian, almond
36	Old Dutch capuchine	Black, white, almond
37	American saint	White
38	Schmalkalden moorhead	Yellow
39	Satinette	Black

40	Blondinette	Golden
41	Bluette	Blue
42	Old Dutch turbit	Yellow
43	Old German turbit	Yellow
44	Lahore pigeon	Red, black, blue, silver, gray, white, almond
45	Mookee	Red, black, yellow, silver, almond
46	Strasser	Black, blue, red, yellow
47	Modena	Yellow, andalusian
48	Frillback	Red, blue, yellow, white
49	Old German cropper	Black
50	Pomeranian pouter	Black
51	Lille pouter	White
52	Brunner pouter	Red
53	German muffed magpie-pouter/Reverse-wing pouter	Black, red, yellow
54	English pouter	Blue
55	Norwich cropper	Almond
56	Hana pouter	Blue
57	Saxon pouter	White
58	Silesian pouter	Ash-red
59	Hessian pouter	Black
60	Amsterdam balloon cropper/Holle cropper	Black
61	Slenker cropper	Blue
62	Gaditano cropper	Black, white
63	Old Holland pouter	Black
64	Bangladeshi Bombai*	Red, yellow, black, white
65	Indian bombai	Red
66	German nun	Black, yellow, blue
67	English nun	Yellow
68	American helmet	Black, yellow
69	German helmet	Yellow
70	Egyptian swift	Andalusian, black
71	Chinese owl	White, blue, black
72	Polish owl	Yellow
73	Old German shield owl	Yellow
74	Spanish chorerra	Blue
75	English carrier	Black, blue, white
76	Stargard shaker	Yellow, black

77	Maltese	Blue, black, chocolate
78	English magpie	Red, yellow, black, blue, chocolate, beard (highflyer)
79	Nuremberg Bagdad (Scandaroon)	Black
80	Hungarian Giant house	White, yellow, tiger
81	Archangel	Black, bronze, white
82	Dewlap	Black
83	Damascene	Silver
84	Barb	White, black
85	Chuva chandan	Gray, silver
86	South German shield	Yellow
87	Saxon shield	Black
88	Saxon fairy swallow	Black, yellow
89	Saxon swallow	Blue
90	Runt	Red, yellow, black
91	Bokhara trumpeter	White, black
92	Bernburg trumpeter	Red
93	German double-crested trumpeter	Black
94	Saxon priest	Red, black, yellow
95	South German muffed monk	Red, black
96	French mondaine	Black, blue, light grizzle
97	Romagnol	Black
98	Polish lynx	Blue
99	Bangladeshi dahuk*	Black, chocolate
100	Indian dahuk	Black
101	Nuremberg lark	Spangled
102	Coburg lark	Blue barless
103	Franconian velvet shield	Black
104	Gola*	Varied color
105	Gorra*	Red, yellow, black, blue, silver
106	Rajgola*	Varied color
107	Dhaka tumbler (Bangladesh)*	Varied (mostly black spotted on white)
108	Rajshahi tumbler (Bangladesh)*	Varied color
109	Indian lotan	White, yellow
110	Bangladeshi lotan*	White
111	South German blasse	Red, black
112	Australian yellow (parvin in	Yellow

	Bangla)	
113	Chinese nasal tuft	White
114	Crossbred 1 (local x local) *	Varied color
115	Crossbred 2 (exotic x exotic) *	Varied color
116	Crossbred 3 (local x exotic) *	Varied color
117	Feral pigeon (domesticated wild-rock)	Blue bar

***Bangladeshi breeds (13)**

Table 2. Group of pigeons based on breeders' opinion

Sl.	Group	Pigeon	Number
1	Tumbler	Rajshahi tumbler, Dhaka tumbler, English short-faced tumbler	3
2	Roller	Bangladeshi lotan, Indian lotan	2
3	Highflyer	Pakistani/Teddy, Rampuri, Hungarian (Budapest) dark-storked	3
4	Voice	Govinda kokah, bashiraj kokah, Arabian trumpeter	3
5	Feather	Indian fantail, English fantail, American fantail, taganrog fantail, bokhara trumpeter, English trumpeter, German double-crested trumpeter, Spanish chorerra, Bangladeshi bombai, Indian bombai, frillback, jacobin, old Dutch capuchine, Saxon fairy swallow, Saxon swallow, Saxon shield, Australian yellow, American saint, Bernburg trumpeter, Chinese nasal tuft	20
6	Color	Mookee, Bangladeshi dahuk, Indian dahuk, Polish lynx, Nuremberg lark, Coburg lark, Franconian velvet shield, south German muffed monk, Saxon priest, South German blasse, Damascene, brander, chupa chandan, moos-sulli, archangel, German nun, English nun, gorra, strasser, Modena, satinette, bondinette, blulette, komorner tumbler, felezyhazer tumbler, rzhev star-tailed tumbler, Vienna white shield tumbler, American helmet, German helmet, south German shield, Schmalkalden moorhead, Kashmiri homer	32
7	Size	Show king, utility king,	9

		Hungarian giant house, French mondaine, runt, Lahore pigeon, utility homer, siamese white homer, romagnol	
8	Race	Racing homer	1
9	Meat	Gola, rajgola, feral pigeon, crossbred 1, crossbred 2, crossbred 3	6
10	Structure	Maltese, Danish tumbler, Chinese owl, Polish owl, old German shield owl, English magpie, dewlap, old Dutch turbit, old German turbit, old German cropper, Pomeranian pouter, German muffed magpie-pouter, Norwich cropper, English pouter, hana pouter, Saxon pouter, lille pouter, silesian pouter, hessian pouter, Amsterdam balloon cropper, slenker cropper, gaditano cropper, old Holland pouter, brunner pouter, Steinheim bagdad, Egyptian swift, stargard shaker, ancient tumbler, English long-faced tumbler, Vienna short-faced tumbler, Vienna tumbler, German beauty homer, Nuremberg Bagdad, exhibition homer, giant homer, barb, English carrier, Prague short-faced tumbler	38

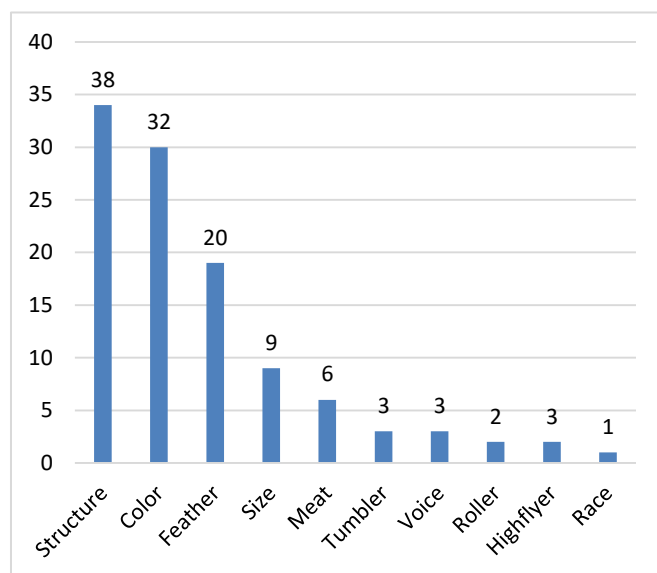


Figure 2. Pigeons on their corresponding category

Table 3. Significant fancy pigeon breeders/buyer-seller at Natore Tebaria

Sl.	Name	Mobile number
1	Ratan	+88-01763251976

2	Jahangir	+88-01738779165
3	Sagor	+88-01770082442
4	Mosharrof	+88-01724682653
5	Kamal	+88-01728145539
6	Idris	+88-01323769054
7	Alamgir	+88-01735508157
8	Mamun	+88-01724161032
9	Kuddus	+88-01714242135
10	Siddik	+88-01787293759
11	Anwar	+88-01745507933

Group-wise pigeons on the basis of breeders' opinion

Tumbler-Roller-Highflyer-Racing homer: These are common varieties all over Bangladesh with a reasonable price. Amusement by flying of tumbler pigeons is a common tradition in Bangladesh. The basic tumbler pigeon of Bangladesh is Pakistani highflyer, and from this breed, so-called Dhaka tumbler (Dhaka giribaj) has been produced. Its basic color is black spot on the white plumage. Pakistani highflyer then crossed with local tumbler pigeons of Rajshahi Division and created Rajshahi house-tumbler pigeon (Rajshahi giribaj). It is no doubt that tumbler pigeons are very ancient and most favourite in Bangladesh (Kabir, 2015a). In the world, among the pigeon group, tumbler is the largest group as well (Kabir, 2015b). Rajshahi of Bangladesh, is the main city to purchase high-graded tumbler pigeons (Kabir et al., 2026). Dhaka is the best place for many breeds as well as tumblers (Kabir 2014a; Kabir 2015). So-called lotan pigeons of Bangladesh either they are local or Indian, available in Natore Tebaria, these are interesting breeds because it shows performance on the ground by shaking. Its unique color is white with bull eyes. In the roller pigeon group, there are many lotan pigeons which rolls after shaking between two fingers. Since its breeding is praiseworthy but need to care their young after hatching (Kabir, 2014c). In racing, only racing homer is used in this event in Bangladesh. Recently, Kashmiri homers are available in Bangladesh but those are not used as racing. We have utility white homer and white siamese homer are normally cage bird, both looks pretty. Homers are ancient breed in the world and this is actually the best strain. Many renowned homer pigeon breeders have developed this breed. This breed is remarkable for its excellent long-distance flying (Kabir et al., 2020). With the racing homer there are other types of homer breeds in the world (Kabir, 2023c). After Rajshahi, the Dhaka city is another place to find all sorts of pigeons (Kabir, 2014b).

Table 4. Difference between tumbler-roller, tumbler-non-tumbler, and highflyer-racing pigeons

Features	Tumbler	Roller
Tumbling style	Few tumbles, interrupted tumbles	Continuous rolling (huge rolling)
Tumbling episodes	It tumbles automatically during flying	At the time of flying or after shaking (lotans)
Flying capability	Good flyer except parlor tumbler	Good flyer except lotans and parlor roller

Example	Tumbler	Lotans (Bangladeshi and Indian)
Features	Tumbler	Non-tumbler
Tumgling	Tumbles less or huge	Do not tumble but their origin was tumbler
Tumbling episodes	Auto	Never tumble
Flying capability	Good flyer except parlor tumbler	Not good flyer
Example	Turkish tumbler, Uzbek tumbler, etc.	Magpie, nun, felezyhazer, komorner, etc.
Features	Highflyer	Racing homer
Tumbling	Sometimes tumble	Never tumble
Body weight	Light	Heavy
Flying pattern	Vertical (around the coop)	Horizontal (one place to another)
Example	Pakistani highflyer, Rampuri highflyer, etc.	Racing homer

Voice: These pigeons are very interesting with their peculiar voice. In some villages of Rajshahi, so-called Govinda kokah was found. Later on, Arabian trumpeter and Thai laughter imported into Bangladesh. Due to the course of time, there might be crossed with both local and exotic voice pigeons, pure kokah pigeons (narrow and continuous melodious coo voice) are evolved in Bangladesh, so the origin of kokah pigeon is Bangladesh. After more development, we could allow this breed in the next pigeon show (Kabir, 2023b).

Feather: Muff and crest are the major ornamentation of pigeons. People like this from the very beginning and for that core of desire they bred pigeons. There are lots of fancy pigeons all over the world with remarkable head crests and leg feathers and Bangladesh is not an exception in this case.

Color: Beautiful color always attracts people to keep pigeons. In Bangladesh, most of the breeders keep pigeons only on their extraordinary colors. With such colors, there are many patterns that are noteworthy to everybody. Beautiful or exceptional colors are the first priority to the pigeon keepers. Pigeon exhibition of Bangladesh announced self-colored Bangladeshi Bombay pigeon which has been produced from the Indian Bombay pigeon. This Bombay pigeon are popular and available breed in Bangladesh (Kabir, 2023a).

Size: After the color, the size of pigeons attracts everybody. Large-sized are not only important for the meat for humans but also their long feathers and patterns make them fancy instead of meat. In Bangladesh, king pigeons (meat-breed) are reared as show bird. There are many remarkable Lahore pigeons in the country and those were prized at pigeon show in Bangladesh (Kabir and Hawkeswood, 2023).

Meat: In Bangladesh, only gola pigeons are used for meat. Feral pigeons in Bangladesh are called Jalali pigeon that are not actually permitted for meat for religious issue. Breeders of Bangladesh

always maintain a breeding plan for storing the genetic strategies through selective breeding (Kabir, 2025b). In order to keep the actual genetics of pigeons, need to follow the grading system at the time of purchasing pigeons (Kabir, 2014a). Since king pigeon are the meat pigeon but in Bangladesh all breeders keep them as show breed. Perspective Bangladesh, there is a possibility to establish meat pigeon farm (Kabir, 2020). The gola pigeon breed is the only meat breed in Bangladesh and found everywhere in the country with a reasonable price (Kabir, 2024). In this breed, mostly found as dominant red and black pied (Kabir, 2025a).

Table 5. Difference among gola, rajgola, and gorra

Features	Gola	Rajgola	Gorra
Color	Varied color	Varied color especially white-headed	Perfect pied (head-primaries-white tail)
Size	Medium	Large	Medium
Flying capability	Do not like to fly	Do not like to fly	Colorful highflyer pigeons in Bangladesh especially Dhaka
Example	Gola pigeon (throughout Bangladesh)	Rajgola (ancestor of gorra pigeon, especially in Rajshahi)	Gorra pigeon (especially in Dhaka)

Structure: This is the largest pigeon group. In this group, there are many remarkable pigeon breeds. These are significantly different than other breeds on the basis of size, feather, color, and characteristics.

Table 6. Difference between cropper and pouter

Features	Cropper	Pouter
Legs	Shorter and straighter	Very long and tall
Crop	Ball-like and blends more into the body, not pushed far forward	Balloon-like that dominates nearly burying the beak
Posture	Semi-erect stance	Vertical stance
Flying capability	Sometimes can fly well	Cannot fly
Example	Norwich cropper	English pouter

Conclusions

Natore is a district under Rajshahi Division of Bangladesh, and renowned for the availability of pigeons. The Tebaria pigeon market stands as a vibrant hub of aviculture, bringing together tradition, skill and commerce in one lively space. By supporting local breeders, raising cultural awareness, and promoting tourism, Natore Tebaria can continue to soar alongside its remarkable fancy pigeons, ensuring this unique feathered legacy remains alive, and thriving for generations to come.

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