

# Luzon Bleeding-Heart Dove

**Scientific Name:** *Gallicolumba luzonica*

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Columbiformes

**Family:** Columbidae



The Luzon bleeding-heart dove is a ground dove. The “blood” feature is most pronounced, with the reddish hue extending down the belly, furthering the illusion of blood having run down the bird’s breast. On the upper surfaces, the bird is slate grey in color, but because it is iridescent, it can appear to be purple, royal blue, or bottle-green, depending on the light.

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## Range

Philippines, in the Sierra Madre south to Quezon National Park and Mt. Makiling. Local name of punalada

## Habitat

Found in lowland forest, including selectively logged and otherwise poor secondary growth and even plantations.

## Gestation

15-17 days

## Litter

Usually two eggs in each clutch

## Behavior

They are shy and secretive, and very quiet, and rarely leave the ground except when nesting

## Reproduction

Nesting occurs mid-May. This is typical of other subspecies of same genus in the Philippines.

## Wild Diet

It forages on the ground, searching the leaf-litter for seeds, fallen fruits and invertebrates