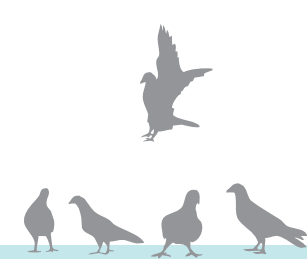
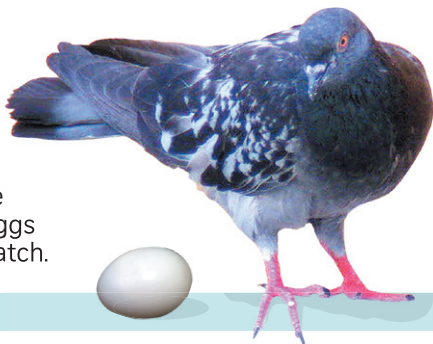


# Keeping the birds in check



Birds are fed corn-based feed containing the drug nicarbazin, which acts as a form of "birth control".

The drug, when consumed, will either prevent the birds from producing eggs or cause them to lay eggs that do not hatch.



The drug would take about a year to show results. When tested in Italy, the method was found to reduce the pigeon population there by 30 per cent to 40 per cent over four years.