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# September



### September Birthdays

- 23 Keith Arterburn
- 25 Zaneta Miller
- 26 Erin McFatrige
- 29 Norman G. Dow



Grab a pencil and piece of paper. How many words can you make using the letters in "Pidgeon Post" We found 75!



The homing pigeon, also called the mail pigeon or messenger pigeon, is a variety of domestic pigeons derived from the wild rock dove, selectively bred for its ability to find its way home over extremely long distances. The rock dove has an innate homing ability, meaning that it will generally return to its nest using magnetoreception.

Flights as long as 1,100 miles have been recorded by birds in competitive pigeon racing. Their average flying speed is around 60 miles per hour and speeds of up to 100 miles per hour have been observed in top racers.

Because of this homing skill, domesticated pigeons were used to carry messages as messenger pigeons. Until the introduction of telephones, homing pigeons were used commercially to deliver communications.

Around 3000 BC, Egypt was using homing pigeons. By the 19th century homing pigeons were used extensively for military communications.

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**September:**

**Flower:** Forget-me-not, Morning glories, Asters

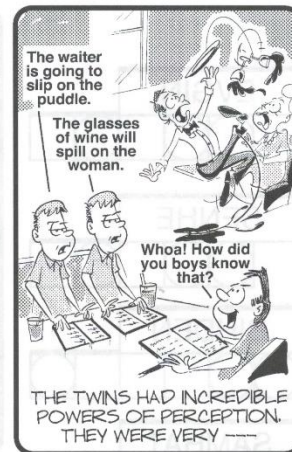
**Birthstone:** sapphire.

**Zodiac Signs:** Virgo (until September 22) and Libra (September 23 onwards)

**Bird:** Yellow-throated Vireo

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WETIN  
NORYI  
WRIYEN  
SIVETN



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here " [ ] - [ ] - [ ] "

TMRC  
Daylight  
Chapter  
#1145

- Next  
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meeting -  
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er 26<sup>th</sup> at  
1:30 pm

- We will  
have an  
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Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

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- EAGLE
- GOOSE
- CROW
- SEAGULL
- PENGUIN
- WREN
- TERN
- STORK
- ROBIN
- RAVEN
- PIGEON
- SWAN
- TURKEY
- PELICAN
- DOVE
- OWL
- HAWK
- PARROT
- FALCON
- HUMMINGBIRD
- SPARROW
- DUCK

Jumble answers: TWINE, IRONY, WINERY, INVEST, - IN TWO LIVE

(Pigeons cont'd) Historically, pigeons carried messages only one way, to their home. They had to be transported manually before another flight. However, by placing their food at one location and their home at another location, pigeons have been trained to fly back and forth up to twice a day reliably, covering round-trip flights up to 160 km (100 mi).

Research has been performed with the intention of discovering how pigeons, after being transported, can find their way back from distant places they have never visited before. Most researchers believe that homing ability is based on a "map and compass" model, with the compass feature allowing birds to orient and the map feature allowing birds to determine their location relative to a goal site (home loft). While the compass mechanism appears to rely on the sun, the map mechanism has been highly debated. Some researchers believe that the map mechanism relies on the ability of birds to detect the Earth's magnetic field.

A prominent theory is that the birds are able to detect a magnetic field to help them find their way home.

Birds were used extensively during World War I.

During World War II, Eighty-two homing pigeons were dropped into the Netherlands with the First Airborne Division Signals as part of Operation Market Garden in World War II. The pigeons' loft was located in London, which would have required them to fly 240 miles to deliver their messages. Also in World War II, hundreds of homing pigeons with the Confidential Pigeon Service were airdropped into northwest Europe to serve as intelligence vectors for local resistance agents. Birds played a vital part in the Invasion of Normandy as radios could not be used for fear of vital information being intercepted by the enemy.

On a slightly lighter note, during the Second World War, the use of pigeons for sending messages was highlighted in Britain by the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret as Girl Guides joining other Guides sending messages to the World Chief Guide in 1943, as part of a campaign to raise money for homing pigeons



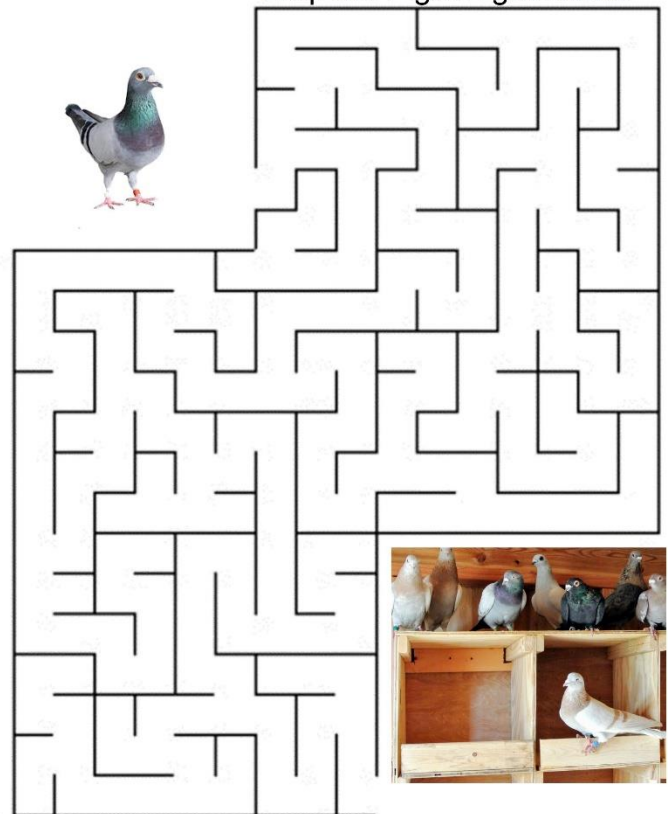
**Did you know? More about Bell Peppers(Capsicums)**

The fruit (technically berries in the strict botanical sense) of **Capsicum** plants have a variety of names depending on place and type. The more piquant varieties are commonly called chili peppers, or simply chilis. The large, mild form is called bell pepper, or by color or both (green pepper, green bell pepper, red bell pepper, etc.) in North America and South Africa, sweet pepper or simply pepper in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Malaysia, but typically called **capsicum** in Australia, India, New Zealand and Singapore



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Help the Pigeon get Home



Martha Stewart raises Homing Pigeons here is a picture of hers in the maze.

