

## Subgenus *Myristicivora* Reichenbach

*Myristicivora* Reichenbach, *Handb. spec. Orn.*, Lief. 3, 1852, p. xxvi. Type, by subsequent designation, *Columba littoralis* = *Ducula bicolor*.

Goodwin (1983) concedes that *D. bicolor* differs from all other *Ducula* species in colour and, at least from those others in which the feature has been investigated, in the development and specialisation of the alimentary canal. Also, the flight apparently differs from that

of other large fruit pigeons. Because of these differences, I follow Schodde (1997) in adopting subgeneric differentiation for this highly distinctive species.