

How 'Stool Pigeon' Was Originated

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The term "STOOL PIGEON" originated when the vast flocks of passenger pigeons darkened the skies.

A captured bird was blinded and tied to a board or 'stool'. Its frantic cries lured its own kind to earth where they were killed in thousands by waiting hunters.

Ever since then the term "stool pigeon" has been used for a person who is believed to have betrayed his fellows.