

Please tell friends about this & encourage everyone's help, for example, no seeds brought in.

### **Introduction**

Five pests entered New Zealand in 2010, according to Rural News. Many other disasters have entered.

**Please read Kiwifruit in:** <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/kiwifruit-vine-disease>

### **Another future pest**

We all regret the pests that have entered or been brought into NZ and have multiplied in our kind climate, and become a problem.

Some home owners in Hamilton now have Ringneck doves in dove coates in their gardens. They come and go as they please.

In parts of Africa and Australia there are thousands. They learn to follow maize planters and eat the maize seeds, causing lower maize yields.

Here it could be twenty or thirty years before they increase to uncontrollable numbers.

They should be forbidden now, and all disposed of now when it is possible to do so.

Some people in the Waikato keep them as pets, so will not want to lose them. Fantail pigeons could replace them and would never become a problem because they are not naturally wild, can't fend for themselves, and don't go far from their domestic source of food.