

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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RESULTS: _____

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific names): EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE
Streptopelia decacotoDate(s) of Observation: Dec 23/2001Number of birds seen: One Sex: unknown Plumage: AdultExact location: North side of I-76, a mile or so east of Fort MorganCounty: MorganNearest town: Fort Morgan

Elevation: _____

Length of observation: Very brief - maximum of 25 seconds Time(s) of observation: Approximately 11:15Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): Light shone from me to the bird, so was adequate.Optical equipment used: None (I was in a moving car on the Interstate)Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 100 feetWas (were) bird(s) photographed? No If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)? _____

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Farmland, near a feedlot.Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Bird was perched on a wire with its back toward me.[click here for page 2 of this form](#)

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DESCRIPTION -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

Fairly upright posture, perched on a wire. I only saw the bird from the back. It had the fairly rotund body with quite a small head, typical of most doves. The overall color was the typical pinky-gray of streptopelia doves. The bird had a black collar ^{on the back of} neck. The tail was squarish. The primaries were notably darker than the rest of the wings. I had no other birds for reference, but estimated it to be approximately the length of an American kestrel.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration.

The bird was too slender to be a Rock Dove and the pinky-gray color was wrong. The tail was not pointed like a Mourning Dove. The dark primaries are not typical of most plumages of Ringed Turtle-Dove. I must note it was a very brief sighting as we drove past. It looked like a EUCD, but the ID is partially based on the fact I knew it's present in CO.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen EUCDs in Rocky Ford and Campo, as well as large numbers in Florida. I consider myself familiar with the species. Indeed it fascinates me!

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): National Geographic (3rd ed) & Sibley

This report is from notes made from (check one) ☐ noted made during observation ☐ noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Dec 31 / 2001 11:45 AM

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