

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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REC'D 10/30/01

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)**Date:** 30 October 2001**Number seen:** three**Sex:** ?**Plumage:** Basic**Locality:** One mile E of Geneva Rd. on Hwy 7**Elevation:** ~5000'**Nearest town:** Brighton**County:** adams**Time observed:** about 08:15**Duration of observation:** about one minute

Description: While traveling east on Hwy 7 toward Brighton, Chris Wood noticed a dove perched on a wire on the north side of the road. We went back to see if it was a "Eurodove" and saw that it was, indeed, a Eur. Collared-Dove. Then, I noticed that there were two more in a bare tree to the north of the road about 75m away. We saw all three fly away, but from below. The three were similar to be described as one, below.

A large, pale dove that was mostly pale gray-brown all over and being a bit darker and browner above than below. It had an obvious black bar on the back of the neck that was bordered top and bottom by thin, white bars. I did not note eye color, but the bill was black (and of typical dove length). The primaries were blackish and contrasted fairly strongly with the rest of the wing. The tail was white below with black bases to at least the outer pair or so of rectrices. The outermost rectrix on each side was black for nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the length of the outer web, with this black extending further down the feather than the black on the inner web of the same feather. The black on the inner web of the outer rectrices extended about to the tip of the longest undertail coverts, which were medium gray.

Similar species eliminated by description: Ringed Turtle-Dove (and presumably hybrids with that "form") have a much-less-obvious wing pattern and much less black on the underside of the tail, resulting in an obviously-different pattern. Other *Streptopelia* doves are also eliminated by the combination of plumage features described above. White-winged Dove has obvious blue eye rings that we would have seen, lacks a partial neck ring, and would have shown a white leading edge to the folded wing. No other North American species are at all similar.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species? I have seen 100s, including >100 in CO, of Eurasian Collared-Doves and 100s of Ringed Turtle-Doves (in captivity and in the "wild"). I have seen 1000s of White-winged Doves and I have seen one or two other species of *Streptopelia* in captivity a couple of times.

Light conditions: sky overcast

Optical equipment used: Swarovski 8.5x42

Distance, and how estimated: estimated at ~10 meters to one bird and ~75 meters to the other two

Other observers who saw the bird with you: Chris Wood, Jason Beason

Other observers who saw the bird independently: none as of this writing

If photographed, type of equipment and film: I did not photograph.

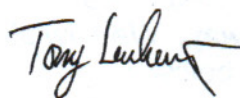
List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

Reporting observer: Tony Leukering

Signature:



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Date report was written: 30 October 2001, from memory