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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (Please print or type. Attach photographsand additional pages if necessary.) ***Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!***

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RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Eurasian Collared-Dove

(Scientific Name) Streptopelia decaocto

Date(s) of occurrence: Feb. 13, 2004

Number of birds seen: 2

Sex ?

Plumage: Adult

Exact location: Antonito, Colorado, 10th St. (west of U.S. 285)

County: Conejos County

Nearest town: In Antonito

Elevation:

Length of observation: 5 seconds + 5 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 11:20 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Unknown (R. Levad reported E. C-D. in Antonito on 8/30/03)

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Saw one on wing, viewing toward E & then S ; saw other

on feeder, viewing toward north until it also flew south. Sky was clear, direction of winter sun near noon was excellent for viewing to east

and north; snow on ground reflected light upward for good view of sides and underview from ground level of birds on wing

Optical equipment used: Naked eye

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 50 feet on wing, 15 feet in tree and 30 feet on feeder

Was (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: The first bird was seen while I was driving slowly along street

toward the east; the bird was on wing, flying north to south in a neighborhood that had small houses and trees on both sides of street.

The second bird was quickly spotted in tree (deciduous, apparently a mature Hopa Crab or similar species), and then it flew down to a

platform feeder in yard, where several House Sparrows were nearby on ground and at another feeder. After a few minutes, the second

bird rose and flew south in same direction as first bird.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

Flight across street included a few wing beats and long gliding. Flight from tree to feeder was gliding. The bird on the feeder had its head***toward the NE, and since I was viewing it from the SW, a clear, angled view of body and side-back of head was had.***DESCRIPTION -- **This is the most important part of this report.** Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report.

Overall size and shape was slightly larger than Mourning Dove and about the same

chunkiness as Mourning Dove. Overall color on back was about the same as Mourning Dove. Most conspicuous feature (which***initially caught my attention of bird in flight) was the fanned tail that was rounded with conspicuous white on ends of tail feathers.***

The tail definitely was not like the longer pointed tail of a Mourning Dove. Back of neck had black ring.

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:

See Description.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen several dozen Eurasian Collared-Doves in Colorado

including some in Rio Grande County and Saguache County in the past

on the wing, on perches, and feeding on the ground, including in my own yard in Del Norte. I also am very familiar (of course) with

Mourning Dove, and have seen White-winged and White-tipped Doves, all ABA area ground-doves and all ABA area pigeons

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Originally I was using Sibley and Nat. Geographic (3rd ed.). Now I use communications with other birders such as R. Levad, Tom

McConnell, and John

Rawinski and my own knowledge and familiarity with this species.

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation

☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: February 26, 2004

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