

409A-01-2002
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Streptopelia decaocto

Location: Fairview, Erie County, Pa.

Date: February 28 to at least April 14, 2002

Time: numerous occasions

Weather: all weather conditions

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular

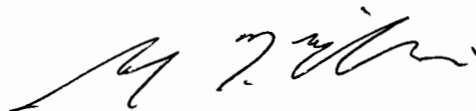
Viewing distance: as close as about 20 feet

Details of sighting & description: This is likely to be the same bird I reported in November 2001 (refer to photo of last years bird). It was seen very near the same site where I found it last year except that it was nearly always seen on the utility wires in front of a house on Middle Road. It was frequently seen in company of a mourning Dove and was occasionally seen at a feeding station behind a nearby house.

The Eurasian Collared-Dove was noticeably larger than the Mourning Dove. It was sandy colored on the breast and around the head and neck. The mantle and upper wing coverts were buff colored. The primaries were a medium gray-brown contrasting with the buffy wing coverts. The contrast between the primaries and wing coverts were even evident when the bird was flying. There was a broad black bar across the nape that was edged with white and was brightest on the bottom side of the bar. When the bird flew it had broad white tipped outer rectrices. The white on the tail extended to at least half way up from the tip on the outermost rectrices. When the tail was spread it was slightly rounded like a Rock Doves tail not like the pointed tails of the Mourning Doves. The bases of the rectrices were gray on the upperside. The central rectrices were buff-colored to the tip. When the dove was perched above me on the wires I could see that the undertail coverts were gray becoming diffused on the belly. The underside of the tail was mostly white except about 10% of the base which was black. The black extended about a third of the way down the outer web of the outer rectrices. The dove appeared to be in excellent shape and showed no sign of wear on the primary tips or tail that would indicate an escape.

Ringed Turtle-Dove was ruled out because they are smaller, paler, with little contrast between primaries and wing coverts, have white outer webs to the outer rectrices, and white not gray undertail coverts. Oriental Collared-Dove was ruled out because of the undertail pattern.

I have seen many of these doves in Florida.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)

Date of Sighting: 11 November 2001 to 11 November 2001 and 28 February 2002 to 14 April 2002

Location: FAIRVIEW

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams, D. Farbotnik

Date of Submission: 2001, 2002

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams, D. Farbotnik

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: Video

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Hess	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: *CFE 7/0*

Signature (Secretary): *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: *1/10/02*