



February 23, 2005

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Dale

Thank you for sending the photo of the Eurasian Collared-Dove that apparently mated in Shady Grove in the summer of 2001. The photo is obviously of a *Streptopelia* dove but without a view of the undertail, and undertail coverts it is simply not possible to identify the bird positively since all the field mark visible are shared by Ringed Turtle-Dove, not to mention a hybrid between the two species. Hybrids are being found with increasing frequency in areas where both species are found. Considering that both species are still sold as pets the possibility of a hybrid is real even here in PA.

Nonetheless, having the photo in PORC's archive is good even if it can only be recognized to genus. Archiving information on rare but introduced species such as this is arguably a more important role for PORC to play than archiving more "glamorous" rarities. Also if any other photos become available showing the undertail or even primaries those can be added to the record.

Sincerely

Matt Sharp
Chair: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove

Date of this observation: 8-17-01

Date Found: 5-9-01

Date last seen: 9-15-01

Location: In Shady Grove area

Twp/City: Antrim Twp - Shady Grove

County - Franklin

Person making report: Dale Gearhart, PO Box ?? Shady Grove PA 17256,
717 597-3979

Other observers: Fern Murray, Gerald Gearhart

Who found: Dale Gearhart, although others saw it but thought it was a
pigeon

Description: A pair was observed mating on a powerline pole May 9,
2001. No nest was located but a resident saw a young one at his feeder
on several occasions.

Shady Grove is 3 miles east of I-81 on Rte 16. This is near exit 5

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Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)

Date of Sighting: 9 May 2001 to 15 September 2001

Location: SHADY GROVE

County: FRANKLIN

Observer(s): Dale Gearhart

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Dale Gearhart

Written Description: Yes


Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

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	1			4	2			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 1/6

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 2/5/03