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Eurasian Collared-Dove

8/9/2005

Coatesville, Chester Co., PA

I went to look for the Eurasian Collared-Doves that were reported from Coatesville, Chester Co. for the past two weeks.

Almost as soon as I pulled into the area, I saw one large dove sitting on the utility wire. The large size and appearance of the square tail led me to believe at once that the bird was not a Mourning Dove. I was able to get within 20yds of the bird by staying in my car and slowly approaching.

General description: It was obviously a large brownish-pink dove with a square tail. There was a thin black collar present. The underside of the tail was easily visible. The undertail coverts were gray and there was a black outer web to the outermost tail feathers. Unfortunately, the bird did not call during my 20 minutes observation.

The square tail eliminates the expected Mourning Dove. The gray undertail coverts and the black outer web to the tail feathers eliminate the domestic Ring-turtle Dove, which would be white in those areas.

I have seen Eurasian Collared Doves in FL, GA, SC, and NC and feel certain of the identification.

This report was written from note taken during the observation.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)

Date of Sighting: 10 July 2005 to 10 October 2005

Location: COASTESVILLE

County : CHESTER

Observer(s): Larry Lewis m.obs.

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: Nick Pulcinella, Bill Murphy

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente		X						
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanlev	X							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	5	1						
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0

Signature (Secretary) 

Date: 7/24/06