

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	255 Claytonia Rd Butler Pennsylvania 16001 United States
Species (Common Name)	African Collared-Dove
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	02-18-2017 10:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist/S34478012
County	Butler
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Clay Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	255 Claytonia Rd Butler, PA 16001
GPS coordinates of sighting	40°59'35.5"N 79°57'54.7"W
Habitat	Residential area lawn with deciduous forests nearby and a small row of conifers and other evergreen shrubs.
Distance to bird	2 ft
Viewing conditions	Clear day with wind
Optical equipment used	Nikon Aculon A 211 10-22x50
Description	The bird was tan overall with a distinctive black stripe on the back of its neck. The dove had a black bill, black eyes, red legs, and brown wings. The bird was about the size of a Mourning Dove, which is what led me to decide that the bird was an African Collared-Dove and not a much larger Eurasian Collared-Dove.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

As I was outside doing yard work, I noticed this dove coming flying in very wobbly. At first, I thought that it was just a Mourning Dove, but once it landed in the White Oak tree nearby, I noticed that it was an African Collared-Dove. It sat in the tree mostly resting for the next few hours, and it was seen again the next day on my porch railing. The bird was very tame, and I was almost able to touch the bird. This led me to believe that the bird was an escapee, but there were no leg bands or any other tags on it to would lead it to being someone's pet.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

This dove had a black stripe on the back of its neck to distinguish it from the very common Mourning Dove. It was comparable in size to a Mourning Dove, meaning that it was much smaller than an Eurasian Collared-Dove would be. This dove was also slightly lighter overall than an Eurasian Collared-Dove, and this bird had light undertail coverts as opposed to the Eurasian's brown coverts.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I am not sure whether this species would count as being a part of the official list of birds seen in Pennsylvania, since it is very likely an escapee. This case seem very similar to the Black-backed Oriole that was present in Berks County earlier this year. I'm not sure whether that sighting got accepted or not, so I wasn't sure if this one would get accepted either.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes because of the features mentioned above eliminating Eurasian Collared-Dove.

During

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After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph



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